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Israeli Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir is surrounded by the press seeking his views on the Avraham Shalom controversy. [IPPA photo]

Montrealer achieves "first"

Weiner joins the cabinet

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA — Gerry Weiner, who grew up in Montreal's old Jewish immigrant district around St. Urbain St., was appointed minister of state for immigration last week by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Weiner was confident he would be given a cabinet post when he was elected in September, 1984, in the Montreal area riding of Dollard, after breaking the Liberal stranglehold on the largely anglophone West Island.

Weiner, the only Jewish Progressive Conservative in the government, is the first federal Jewish Tory cabinet minister ever in Canada.

His reaction to his appointment was, "It's really an impossible dream to be here today."

Weiner had been parliamentary secretary to Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald since the beginning of this year. Previously, he served as parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. His cabinet post makes him junior minister to the new Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard. Weiner replaces Walter McLean who has been dismissed from the cabinet.

Gerry Weiner

The immigration portfolio should suit Weiner who represents a riding that is heavily ethnic. Almost half of the population is of other than British or French origin, tracing their roots to some 30 different ethnocultural groups.

One of his notable accomplishments as an MP has been helping cut through red tape on constituents' immigration cases.

Weiner, his wife Judy and two children, have lived in Dollard des Ormeaux since 1965. He was the founding president of his congregation, Temple (now Congregation) Rodeph Shalom, in that city.

Weiner, a pharmacist, was mayor of Dollard des Ormeaux from November, 1982 until his election to Parliament and served on the suburb's city council for four years prior to that.

During his term as mayor, he was one of the most outspoken proponents of greater representation for minority members in the Montreal Urban Community's civil service, particularly on the police force.

During the 1984 federal election campaign, Weiner said he would fight for affirmative action programs both in the public and private sectors. He said government should set an example by making "significant high-level appointments in all agencies" of persons from minorities.

Despite advances made, Weiner said during a campaign interview that true equality of opportunity does not yet exist in this country. "I grew up with prejudice. I knew I couldn't get into McGill unless I had higher marks; I knew there were other places I could never get into."

Weiner, a member of the Quebec Liberal Party, was personally wooed by Mulroney and announced as one of his "star" candidates in the 1984 campaign. However, the equally impressive victory over Liberal hegemony in Lachine, by another anglophone west end Montreal newcomer, Robert Layton, got him first crack at a cabinet post, serving as minister of state for mines until being shuffled out last week.

Scandal threatens Israeli government

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres must rue the day when a brash Tel Aviv daily, Hadashot, published a front-page photograph of a Palestinian hijacker being led away by Israeli security forces after a terrorist incident in the Gaza Strip.

The episode, which took place in April of 1984, has since burgeoned into a major political scandal, leading to the resignation of the attorney-general and the head of Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence agency.

Now it threatens the very life of the national unity government, which has been shaken by one crisis after another since its formation shortly after the hijacking.

The hijacking occurred when four Palestinians commandeered a Tel Aviv bus heading south and demanded the release of 500 Palestinian prisoners being held in Israeli jails. The Israelis refused, and in the shootout that followed, one passenger — a 19-year-old female soldier — was killed and seven others were injured.

The Israeli authorities claimed that all four of the hijackers had been killed. In fact, this was untrue. Hadashot, a new tabloid specializing in racy stories and graphic photographs, published an incriminating photo of one of the supposedly dead hijackers being taken away for questioning.

The government, then headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, reacted by closing Hadashot for several days, claiming the paper had breached security regulations.

By that point, the whiff of scandal was already in the air. An investigation was launched, and investigators concluded that two of the Palestinians had been beaten to death *after* the hijacking.

The senior Israeli military officer in the region, Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, came under scrutiny as a result of the revelations. He was exonerated, and the matter seemed finally settled.

But last October, the issue was raised yet again when three top-ranking Shin Bet agents approached Shimon Peres, who had succeeded Shamir as Premier, and accused their boss, Avraham Shalom, of having engineered a cover-up.

Peres, realizing he held a political hot potato in his hands, sat on the case. But Yitzhak Zamir, the dogged attorney-general, called a criminal inquiry. Zamir's investigators found that Shalom had ordered the two surviving Palestinians to be clubbed to death. Furthermore, Zamir accused Shalom of having suborned witnesses and withholding documents.

In the face of the growing controversy, Peres, citing the exigencies of state security, asked Zamir to drop his demand for a judicial inquiry. Zamir, declining to bend to the pressure, resigned, being replaced by Yosef Harish.

Harish promised to investigate the case thoroughly, but he changed his mind in the wake of the decision by President Chaim Herzog to pardon Shalom and three of his associates. Herzog pardoned them after consultations with Peres and Shamir, and he did so, he explained, "to protect Shin Bet from further damage."

The pardons went down well in Likud circles, but not so well within the ranks of the Labor Party.

Opponents said that Herzog had no right to pardon Shalom, arguing that no man can stand above the law. Legal scholars aghast by the developments said that the pardons, granted without the recipients being formally charged, tried or convicted for any illegality, were not an instrument of clemency but an entry by the President into the political arena and, therefore, were invalid.

Those who supported the pardons said that, as an embattled nation fighting Arab terrorism, Israel cannot afford to be true to legal niceties. "In

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Egypt media hate campaign raises concern

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has delivered a message to the United States and France voicing concern over repeated anti-semitic and anti-Israel expressions in the Egyptian media, according to a report in Haaretz.

The message was delivered both by the Israeli embassy in Washington to the state department and by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir personally to the French administration during his recent visit to France.

"The expressions of animosity toward Israel in the Egyptian press has reached unprecedented peaks," Haaretz quoted unidentified political sources in Jerusalem.

An advisor to the Egyptian information minister told Sawt Al-Arab radio station that Egypt regards the Shin Bet affair in Israel as "an expression of the aggressive and terrorist nature of Israel, which characterizes that country from its very beginning."

The pro-establishment weekly Al-Mussawar wrote the following with regard to the scandal involving Jonathan Pollard's spying activities: "Israel will not hesitate to betray her ally and sell the CIA to the highest bidder."

The weekly continued: "The Arab countries, and particularly Egypt, should learn a lesson, that Israel does not distinguish between enemy and friend in its intelligence act and stealing of secrets."

Reunion marks Entebbe rescue

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A moving reunion took place last week between passengers of an Air France airliner forced in 1976 by Arab terrorists to land in Entebbe, Uganda, and the Israeli team which rescued the passengers in an action that created a worldwide sensation.

The reunion marked the 10th anniversary of the rescue.

The reunion, held in President Chaim Herzog's official residence, was attended by Herzog, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Meir Shamgar, President of the Supreme Court, Premier Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff Moshe Levy, a number of cabinet ministers, members of bereaved families and the passengers.

The Entebbe rescue has been formally named the Yonatan Operation, commemorating Yonatan Netanyahu, one of the commanders of the rescue force, who was killed in the rescue.

Herzog said the rescue was the peak of Israel's fight against terrorism and that it had given the people of Israel "a great hour of pride." Herzog praised the government and the political opposition of 1976 for the unity its members demonstrated when the decision to try the hazardous rescue was made.

Herzog said that the word Entebbe has been transformed from its significance as a Uganda airport to "an operation which electrified the imagination of the world ... honoring Israel's name among the nations."

1-man task force

Australia holds Nazi probe

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The government of Australia has appointed a 1-man task force to investigate the presence of war criminals in that country, according to Liberal MP Robert Kaplan.

Arthur Menzies, an Australian war hero, will head the fact-finding inquiry, said Kaplan, adding the probe is still in its incipient stages and has yet to begin work. Kaplan, who was in Australia as head of a parliamentary delegation of the joint committee on regulations and other statutory instruments, also met with representatives of the 75,000-strong Jewish community.

Robert Kaplan discussions with Australia

Kaplan said Menzies and his staff will investigate the presence of Nazi war criminals in Australia, though the probe is not mandated to recommend possible legal recourse against them. He said the inquiry, which was created in early June, was instigated in part by media revelations about a war criminal living in Australia.

A May 1985 article in an Australian newspaper claimed the government had provided not only cover, but security, for an accused war criminal from a notorious East European SS squadron, according to a report by Jeremy Jones, executive director of the Sydney-based Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

The report, provided to The CJN by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Toronto, also refers to "a prominent member of the Slovenian administration during the Nazi occupation" who is now "an important member of the vocally anti-Communist 'far right' of the New South Wales Liberal Party." He was once "described as a 'Goebbels' due to the anti-semitic invective of his World War II writings," the report states.

In February, Leslie Caplan, president of ECAJ (the equivalent to Canadian Jewish Congress, Kaplan said) raised the question of war criminals in Australia with Prime Minister R.J. Hawke. In the same month, Senator Peter Baume, a member of the Liberal-National Party coalition of opposition parties, called on the government to "ask all potential immigrants whether they

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World-National

Terror seeks to impede peacemaking

By
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Frequently, when a terrorist attack takes place somewhere, one reads that it was Palestinians who planned it or participated in it, or that the objective of the attack was to "free the Palestinian homeland." This is a line taken increasingly by terrorists in many parts of the world, whether or not they have any connection with Arab aspirations. I am waiting for the Tamils in Sri Lanka or the Sikhs fighting for an independent Khalistan to say that in addition to their own cause they are also fighting for the Palestinians.

Rabbi Plaut

It is clear that such a response is well orchestrated and has become, so to speak, a terrorist "geste de rigueur." It makes innocent readers or hearers of the news believe that if only the Arab-Israeli conflict were solved, terrorism would go away. Or put more bluntly: "If only Israel would not be so intransigent, there would be no more hijackings of planes and ships and no wanton destruction of lives and property. The world could live in peace, but the Israelis (read Jews) are preventing it." Ten years ago it was "Zionism is racism," today it is "Israel is the root cause of world terrorism."

International problem

How does one answer this latest propaganda ploy? The Canadian Middle East Digest, which is published by the Canada-Israel Committee, devotes its lead article in the May issue to this problem and makes the following main points:

Most of the terror abroad in the world has no relation whatsoever to Israel. It is an international problem with an international agenda. The proven planners of the global attacks sit in Moscow, Damascus, Teheran and Tripoli — Communist totalitarian or radical Islamic states which have goals that sometimes use Palestinian grievances but have their own imperialistic anti-democratic goals.

In a recent article in the New York Times the renowned Arabist Fouad Ajami points out that terror today springs from deep social and economic pressure, especially in the Middle East. It does not advance peace between Israeli and Palestinian to pretend that a Palestinian solution would solve the larger problems. Inter-Arab rivalries, like that between Iran and Iraq, spawn their own cruelty and terror and are manifestly unrelated to Israel — in fact, both nations declare themselves to be implacable foes of the Jewish state. Ghadafi's capers are often ostensibly carried out "on behalf of Palestinian liberation," a propaganda device serving as a smokescreen for his political ambitions.

Terrorist attacks

There are of course Palestinian grievances and they have produced terrorist attacks like the Munich massacre in 1972. But while grievances may be real, not all those aggrieved for political and other reasons resort to terrorism. Being aggrieved is in itself no reason for wanton murder of innocents.

And further: not only will a prospective Israeli-Palestinian peace accord not lessen terrorist attacks, on the contrary. For as the Digest says cogently, nothing inflames terrorist attacks more than a peaceful initiative. Terrorism is not a cry of outrage against a Western or Israeli failure to pursue peace, but an absolutist attempt to block peaceful diplomacy. Terror does not deal in compromise (as a negotiated peace will), it issues a take-it-or-leave-it ultimatum. Should the target group choose not to accept the terms of surrender then, by inversion, it (and not the terrorist) is blamed for the attack.

If you'd like to read more about these and related matters concerning Israel, you may wish to receive the Digest regularly. In the Toronto area call 963-9463; in Montreal, 934-0771; and in Ottawa, 234-8271. Or write to the Canada-Israel Committee, 130 Slater St., Suite 300, Ottawa K1P 6E2.

Egyptian split seen on Taba issue

By
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WASHINGTON —
U.S. officials believe there are some serious differences of opinion within Egypt right now on whether or not to complete an agreement with Israel setting the terms of reference for arbitrating their longstanding Taba border dispute.

As seen by these American experts, there are basically two schools of thought in President Hosni Mubarak's government on Taba as well as on the entire matter of relations with Israel.

One group believes that Egypt should delay any final Taba arbitration agreement until the political picture in Israel becomes absolutely clear. Will the political rotation in Jerusalem in October, for example, take place? If it becomes apparent that Yitzhak Shamir will indeed replace Shimon Peres as Prime Minister, this school argues, Egypt would be wise to avoid any agreement with Israel on Taba.

These officials maintain that the Taba arbitration "compromise" would, after all, be only part of a basket of issues aimed at improving relations between Cairo and Jerusalem. There is a whole host of accompanying bilateral agreements involving such issues as trade and tourism that are being discussed — in addition to Taba.

Even though setting the terms of reference for resolving Taba would still require at least a year or two of actual arbitration, Egypt would be bound immediately to return its ambassador to Tel Aviv — a symbolically dramatic development. Egypt also would be required to limit the anti-Israel propaganda in its officially-controlled news media. The short-term upshot would be an improved Israeli-Egyptian relationship.

But this first group of Egyptian officials is very reluctant to enter into any wide-ranging improvement of relations with an Israel headed by Shamir and his Likud party. They fear that with Shamir in the Prime Minister's office, Israel would quickly step up its settlement activity on the West Bank and Gaza.

Therefore, this first school argues that Egypt should drag on the Taba talks until the political scene within Israel becomes clear.

The second school of thought, on the other hand, is less concerned about the scheduled rotation in Israel. These officials are more seriously worried about the overall impact that a deteriorating Egyptian relationship with Israel has on Egypt's ties with the United States.

These officials, considered more "practical," are very worried about Egypt's economic woes. They recognize that their only long-term hope is to win more economic assistance from the United States — as quickly as possible. Shoring up relations with Israel would, of course, strengthen Egypt's posture in Washington, especially in Congress which ultimately must appropriate all foreign aid.

U.S. analysts believe that Egypt's economic problems pose a considerably greater danger to Mubarak's regime than the steady rise of Islamic fundamentalism and other political headaches. Egypt's isolation in the Arab world, for example, is not nearly as complete today as it was only two or three years ago. Jordan has restored normal diplomatic ties with Egypt. Relations with Iraq and other "moderate" Arab countries are also good even though Egypt has not yet been admitted back into the Arab League.

The economic problems facing Egypt, however, are the potential killer. The situation is bad and getting worse. The bottom is just about ready to fall out.

This was pointed out the other day by The Wall Street Journal which noted that Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala had come to Washington in June "as a messenger of doom."

According to the report, Abu Ghazala told Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that if the U.S. didn't help Egypt with its economic problems quickly, U.S. strategic and political interests in the regime would be undermined. "Economic unrest could provoke political upheaval," Abu Ghazala reportedly said.

Weinberger and Secretary of State George Shultz promised to help, but that will not be easy. The U.S., the Journal report noted, "would have to show new creativity, defy Treasury conservatism and bend usual practices to help Egypt out of its economic bind."

Massive infusion of money

But Egypt's economy may already be beyond repair. What is needed is a complete overhaul of the country's basic infrastructure — and that is financially impossible unless something like Peres' Marshall Plan proposal actually gets off the ground. Egypt needs a massive infusion of money. But the Marshall Plan, which Peres initially raised largely in response to Egypt's very pressing needs, does not look like it's going anywhere.

A recent report by Republican Senator Charles Mathias of Maryland, a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, underlined some of the built-in problems facing Egypt.

Although Mathias said that Mubarak's regime is probably not "immediately threatened," the economic picture is very bad. "These problems are largely not of Egypt's making," he wrote. "Egypt is the victim of events beyond its control. Regional terrorism has discouraged tourist visits. Oil revenues have plummeted with the collapse of international oil prices. Remittances from workers living abroad have begun falling with the economic downturn in the Persian Gulf."

Mathias continued: "Egypt faces other problems which are domestic in origin. Population pressures are intense. It is estimated that Egypt adds a million people to its population every eight to 10 months. The economy remains hopelessly inefficient. The government does not feel sufficiently confident politically to take hard decisions on issues of subsidies and exchange rates. Egypt is forced to import about 50% of its food needs, where once it was self-sufficient. The government has refused thus far to go to the IMF (International Monetary Fund), and has rejected rescheduling its debt, which is a crushing burden."

Mathias proposed that Egypt be forced to turn to the IMF for economic relief, rather than to Washington.

The problem with that route, however, is that the IMF would more forcefully link economic relief to the imposition of tough, politically-unpopular economic reforms and austerity measures. Mubarak probably doesn't feel strong enough to handle that scenario.

Thus, the likelihood is that Egypt will continue to resist the IMF option, looking instead to the Reagan administration and the U.S. Congress for assistance. And that should strengthen those in Egypt urging a more pessimistic approach in relations with Israel.

"In the end," wrote the Journal's Frederick Kempe, "the [Reagan] administration holds the key to helping Egypt. It must devise firm plans and sell them to Congress by stressing that helping Egypt with its economic problems is a small price to pay for protecting an irreplaceable friend in the Middle East."

The administration is probably prepared to do exactly that. But it will strongly urge the Egyptians to go the extra mile in improving relations with Israel. A good start would be to complete the illusive Taba accord.

Deadly gap needs bridging in organ transplant system

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —
Sometimes they come to public attention: Alex Girard's parents in Massachusetts get a sympathy call from the White House. Lisa Conklin's neighbors in New Jersey hold an I Love Lisa Day. But for the most part, the people waiting for organ transplants do just that, they wait.

They wait — this is the morally uncomfortably truth — for someone young and healthy, someone who is a good match, to die and to die suddenly, even traumatically. Today 500 of them wait for livers, 480 for hearts, 200 for pancreas, 100 for both heart and lung.

It does not take much to imagine the complicated emotions of the family whose hope depends on another family's despair, or someone whose life depends on another's death. It doesn't take much to imagine the family of someone just declared dead.

But one of the most remarkable side effects of two decades of transplants can be seen in the changing attitudes of people toward donating organs. Chalk it up to the success stories of transplant patients, chalk it up to altruism if you prefer. We are much less likely to be chilled by the old taboos. We are more likely to think of transplanting a liver, heart, kidney, as a way to harvest some good out of death.

Today about one-quarter of Americans have signed one form of donor card or another. In the polls, 50% of Americans say they are willing to donate their organs, and 75% are willing to donate the organs of a family member.

Despite all this change, about 25,000 Americans suffer brain deaths every year and only 2,500 become donors. On one side are the potential donors, on the other side the people who need organs, and in between there is a deadly gap.

In the past years, any number of policymakers have probed this gap, trying to figure out how to close it. Some favored a great push for donor cards, others said that we need the kind of "presumed consent" laws that give doctors in France the right to harvest organs. But it turns out that the answer is much simpler: We just need to ask.

One of the more telling studies on this subject has shown that 70% of families who are asked to donate organs say yes. The reality is that not enough are asked. The understandable reluctance of hospitals to intrude on mourning, the difficulty doctors feel in changing roles, the inexperience of many in dealing with this delicate subject means that most families never get the chance to make the decision.

This simple and frustrating fact has provided the current push for "required request" laws. These laws require that someone in the hospital — not necessarily a doctor — talks to families about donation. Seven states so far, four within the past month alone, have passed such laws: California, New York, Oregon, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Georgia and Maine. There are various versions of the bill in 10 or 15 other legislatures.

Some doctors dislike this regulation, but as Arthur Caplan of The Hastings Center (which deals with questions of medical ethics) says, "We've had 15 years of education, and it's not working." By contrast, in just these few months of "required request" in California, there has been a 50% increase in donations.

Bills like these won't alone fill the gap. "We want hospitals to learn HOW to ask," says Caplan. "We don't want doctors to go in and say, 'According to New York state law 4925, we have to ask you about organ donation.' We want them to be sensitive."

We also need a national computerized network for organ retrieval and distribution, so that the system will work smoothly and fairly. Such a network, and a program for helping hospitals learn to deal with families, are parts of a law passed nearly unanimously by Congress in 1984. The law, opposed by the White House, has yet to be effectively implemented.

Under even the best of systems, there will be people who wait, some who will die waiting. There will be others like 9-month-old Alex Girard who get off the waiting list and onto the operating table too late to survive.

But they should have a better chance, and so should those who feel compassion even in their most acute moment of mourning, and find comfort in saving a life with a death. At the very least, somebody should ask.

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World-National

Plea made for Soviet Jewish cancer patients

By
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MONTREAL —
Dr. Phil Gold, an internationally respected cancer researcher, has called on the Soviet Union to allow three Soviet Jews suffering from that disease to come to the West for treatment and to be reunited with relatives.

At a press conference held at the Montreal General Hospital, where Gold is physician-in-chief, the founding of an International Cancer Patient Solidarity Committee was announced to press for the release of Jewish cancer patients and their families who have been refused exit visas from the Soviet Union. In particular, the committee made an appeal to the Soviet Union to permit Tanya Bogomolny, Ben Charney and Inna Meiman and their immediate relatives to leave the Soviet Union for an indefinite period. Their conditions were described as follows:

Bogomolny, 47, married to Beniamin Bogomolny, has breast cancer and has been applying for an exit visa for the past 12 years. Her father and married sister live in California. Beniamin has a sister, Bathsheva Lapa, living in Montreal.

Charney, a 49-year-old mathematician who has been a Refusenik since 1979, has a history of cancer and heart disease, and was discovered to have a tumor in his thyroid gland this year. He has a brother living near Boston.

Inna Meiman, 53, wife of physicist Naum Meiman, first underwent cancer surgery in 1983 and currently has a tumor on the back of the neck close to the spinal cord. Naum has a daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Colorado.

The three invited the foreign media to a press conference in one of their Moscow apartments June 12 where they appealed "as dying persons" to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to let them receive new experimental treatment in other countries (CJN, June 26).

The committee has been spearheaded by Dr. Gerald Batist, a 34-year-old oncologist at the Montreal General Hospital, who visited the Soviet Union in April and examined Mrs. Bogomolny at her home. He concluded that the radical mastectomy she underwent in January was too extreme a procedure for the size of her tumor and that she is now suffering physical and psychological ill effects as a result.

In addition to Gold and Batist, others present at the press conference to add their voices to the appeal were Sheila Kussner, founder chairman of the Jewish General Hospital's Hope and Cope support program for cancer patients and their families; and John Hallward, a Montreal businessman and lay leader of the Anglican Church.

Relatives of the Refuseniks, Bathsheva Lapa and her husband Eli of Montreal and Leon Charney of Needham, Mass., also attended.

Batist said the committee is Montreal-based but membership is now extending into the United States, Great Britain, France and Israel and includes both doctors and cancer patients. Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, is another founding member.

Gold said he endorsed the general principle of anyone behind the Iron Curtain being permitted to go anywhere for treatment or at least a second medical opinion if they were not satisfied with the care available in their own country. This right is provided for under the Helsinki Accords, he pointed out.

What makes the situation of the Jewish Refuseniks unique, it was said, is that they have expressed the desire to leave the Soviet Union, have relatives who have earlier emigrated abroad, and have been offered treatment by foreign doctors.

The MGH doctors admitted that there are no assurances that any treatment available in the West, but not in the Soviet Union, could significantly prolong the lives of any of the three people at this point.

However, they stressed the importance to cancer patients of "living in a supportive environment" and under the least stressful conditions possible.

Charney said he understands that Western doctors could possibly operate on his brother's thyroid tumor. Soviet physicians have not done so, he said, because they feel his heart is too weak to withstand the surgery.

Offers of alternative treatment have been extended to Meiman by medical authorities in the United States, Sweden and France since her first bout with cancer in October, 1983.

The radical mastectomy (removal of chest wall muscles with the breast), such as Bogomolny underwent in January, have been found to be seldom necessary, and that removal of the tumor with appropriate radiation therapy is as effective and less toxic.

Gold and Batist said being close to loved ones is "critical" to the emotional wellbeing of cancer patients, and possibly for their chances of full recovery. Their families also deserve the peace of mind of knowing everything possible was done.

They indicated that, in addition to more advanced medical treatment of cancer, there is greater recognition here of the emotional needs of the disease's victims. "Most hospitals (in Canada) have some form of patient and family psychological and emotion support groups to help minimize the stress of the disease...Since an essential goal of treatment of lethal disease is seeing to it that the patient and family feel that all reasonable treatment options have been considered, the importance of second opinions and consultation in the therapy of cancer is critical."

In a letter last month to CJC, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said the Bogomolnys have been placed on the department's official family reunification list which was presented to Soviet authorities in January. He wrote that department officials are also in weekly contact with Bogomolny's brother-in-law in Montreal, and will continue to raise the couple's case with the Soviet government.

Dr. Phil Gold (left) and Sheila Kussner (right) offer encouragement to Eli and Bathsheva Lapa, in-laws of Tanya Bogomolny, a Soviet Jewish Refusenik suffering from cancer. [Howard Kay photo]

Highest increase in gifts

UIA Mission sets record

TORONTO —
Brass bands and hoopla greeted the recent United Israel Appeal Second National Leadership Mission to Israel. The 5-day trip chalked up the highest increase in gifts over the previous year by a Canadian mission in peacetime.

Led by UIA president Allan Offman, the whirlwind mission, from June 14 to 19, was greeted by a brass band and included briefings by top government leaders along with tours of Israeli military installations.

The mission, 95-strong and including some of Canada's top United Israel Appeal and United Jewish Appeal contributors and their families, met with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Chaim Herzog and cabinet minister Moshe Arens.

Other briefings came from Dr. Avraham Avi-Hai, world chairman of Karen Hayesod; James Bartleman, Canada's ambasssador to Israel; Brigadier-General Danny Rothschild, chief liaison officer to the South Lebanese Army; Commander Ami of the Haifa Naval Base and Menachem Perlmutter, head of the Jewish Agency's rural settlement department, among others.

Two themes were stressed during the mission: Israel's defence problems and how they were being met, and the country's social and economic woes.

Visits were made to the Northern Front along the Israel-Lebanon demarcation line, to the "Good Fence" and to Metulla. Also included were trips to the navy headquarters in Haifa, followed by a cruise on a navy vessel. A special flight took the group to the highly acclaimed Uvda air base in the Negev.

While in the Negev, the group toured the Arava, the arid land strip adjacent to the Jordan border.

Of special significance to Canadians were two dedications during the mission. The first was at Kiryat Shemona, where a 750-seat auditorium that will serve the region was dedicated. Called the Phil Granovsky and Family Auditorium, the structure will have dressing rooms, a stage and an orchestra pit.

"It will be a true cultural centre of the North," remarked the mayor of Kiryat Shemona, Ezran Prosper. "It will be one more element that will help our lives resemble the normalcy one finds in the centre of the country. Hopefully, with this improved quality of life, the North and Kiryat Shemona will become a viable alternative for people looking for a change in their lives. For this, we thank Canadian Jewry."

The second dedication took place at Nes Ziona, one of the first Yishuv settlements which has come alive thanks to local high-tech centres, in this case, 35 high-powered companies in the Kiryat Weizmann Hi-Tech Science Park.

There, a large segment of the community attended the ground-breaking of the Jack Posluns Cultural Centre, dedicated by the Posluns family of Toronto.

"The town lacks adequate social and cultural facilities," said the mayor of the settlement, "and if we hope to attract professionals to Nes Ziona and keep them here, we need to provide the community services that act as an enticement."

The 4,800-square-metre, 2-storey centre will be at the heart of Nes Ziona, providing much needed cultural and social services. Plans call for an 800-seat auditorium, a music conservatory, a hall and a library.

Mission participants were moved by visits to a resettlement centre for Ethiopian Jews and to Bet Dagan, Toronto's first Project Renewal neighborhood and one of seven such Canadian projects.

The final activity of the trip was a tour of an excavated ancient Jewish home in Jerusalem's Old City, personally conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Theo Siebenberg of Jerusalem. Three thousand years of Jewish history are represented on the archeological site and it afforded mission members a first-hand look at the beginnings of their forbears and faith.

Vancouver Jews "welcome world"

VANCOUVER —
The Jewish community here is inviting visitors to Expo 86 with a Welcome the World program that includes special events, art and historical exhibits, and an audio-visual presentation.

The program, being held at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre at 950 West 41st Ave., continues throughout July and August.

Admission to all activities and events are free. The schedule of exhibits follows:

• Jewish Communities of the Commonwealth (until Aug. 20) — This exhibit depicts history and current activity in Jewish communities in all countries which participate in the Commonwealth Jewish Council. It consists of present day and archival photographs and memorabilia.

• Jewish Heritage in the Eye of the Camera (until Aug. 31) — A rich variety of photographs depicting places, events and phenomena in the Jewish world. Together they form a kaleidoscope of contemporary Jewish life in the Diaspora.

• Next Year In Jerusalem (until Aug. 31) — Eighteen posters will be displayed tracing the history of Jerusalem from 1830 to the present time.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why don't all Orthodox synagogues have singles dances?

Rabbi Burak

Not all singles are single. At some of these assemblies for singles, some strange birds get together. There are husbands who have left wives, and wives who have left husbands. They haven't bothered to get all their papers straight. Some have no divorce or get. But they are already out prospecting. Is this the action Isaiah had in mind when he wrote in Chapter 13:21: "And satyrs dance there."

Dancing, if it is to be kosher, cannot be mixed. There can be no mingling of the sexes in the dance. The first dance recorded in the Torah is found in Exodus, Chapter 15:21: "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances." The women danced there; no men joined them.

Of course there were men who danced, but without women as their partners. You can see this in Second Samuel, Chapter 6:14 & 16: "And David danced before the Lord with all his might . . . Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart."

This is the same Michal of whom the Talmud, in Tractate 'Eruvin, 96A, tells us that she put on tephillen regularly. Could it be that such piety, in excess, cooled off her interest in the dance? Beware, dear ladies who want to imitate her tephillen program, lest by so doing you lose your ability to appreciate the ecstasy of dancing in holiness.

Earlier, in First Sameul, Chapter 18:6, we see only women dancing: "And it came to pass . . . when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels with joy, and with three-stringed instruments." Perhaps the men were exhausted from the war.

We do find instances when men danced and women danced at the same time, in the Bible, but it was without any mingling of the sexes. Thus, in Jeremiah, Chapter 31:13, we read this promise: "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old together." Male and female were kept apart from each other.

This held true not only on occasions of joy, but also during mourning. In Zechariah, Chapter 12:12-14: "And the land shall mourn, every family apart: The family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart."

Rashi states in his commentary on this text that the women mourned apart from the men for reason of chasteness. Redak starts out with Rashi's explanation, and then moves on to say that "perhaps it was done this way because women lament and mourn more than the men do, and so they were told to stay apart in order to be able to weep according to their manner."

It is passing strange that Redak (Kimchi) should give an explanation that runs counter to the viewpoint of the Talmud. In Tractate Sukkah, 52A, the Talmud takes this text in Zechariah as its guide for instituting the separation of men and women in the Temple during the joyous festival of Simchas Beth Ha-Sho'eva, saying, that if at a time of sorrow when the mind is not supposed to be on nonsense, the sexes are kept separate, how much more so is it necessary at a time of merriment.

In Israel, one who plans to marry must have a Te'udat Revakut, a certificate that one is free of all marital ties. No one should be allowed to attend a singles gathering here without proving that he is single, and free to marry.

Mazel tov, Canada

OTTAWA —

Israeli President Chaim Herzog extended best wishes in a telegram to Governor-General Jeanne Sauve on the occasion of Canada Day, the Israeli embassy here announced.

Herzog said: The national day of Canada offers me the happy occasion to extend to Your Excellency sincerest congratulations of the people of Israel to which I join my best wishes for your personal wellbeing and for the continuing happiness and progress of your people.

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CJC leaders Order recipients

OTTAWA —

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Ben Kayfetz, Toronto, the retired executive director of the National Community Relations Committee of CJC, becomes a member, as does **Alan Rose,** Montreal, executive vice-president of Congress.

Moshe Safdie, the Montreal architect who designed Habitat at Expo 67, is promoted to officer; **Dr. Arthur Vineberg,** Montreal, a pioneer cardiac surgeon, also becomes an officer, and football personality **Samuel Berger,** Montreal, will be inducted as a member.

The Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations has released the following short biographies of the recipients.

Milton Harris: Founder, chairman and president of the Harris Steel Group Inc., of Toronto, and immediate past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, he has devoted his energies to community service at various levels, endeavouring to improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

Benjamin Kayfetz: A longtime executive director of the national community relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, he has, on his own and in concert with many other ethnic and welfare organizations, fought against bigotry and for human rights for all Canadians.

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BB appoints public affairs head

TORONTO —

Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth has been appointed director of public affairs for B'nai B'rith Canada, it was announced recently.

Kachuck Rosenbluth, previously director of communications and education for BB, will coordinate political action initiatives for the organization in tandem with the international affairs cabinet of BB. She will deal with issues relating to Soviet Jewry, Israel, Ethiopia and the United Nations.

Kachuck Rosenbluth will also help develop BB's national network of public affairs activists at the grassroots level as part of a program of utilizing BB volunteers as an effective network for political action. During the 1984 federal election, the BB election task force met with more than 100 candidates.

In her previous capacity as communications director, Kachuck Rosenbluth organized the BB League for Human Rights Media Human Rights Awards, was the senior BB staffperson assigned to the Deschenes Commission and was the senior professional involved in promoting changes to provincial and federal legislation to make it easier to obtain a Jewish divorce.

Prior to her four years with B'nai B'rith, Kachuck Rosenbluth worked in policy development for the Ontario ministry of community and social services.

Ellen Rosenbluth

She graduated with a Master of Social Work and a BA in political science at the University of Toronto.

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Denise Bagley has been appointed director of communications and assistant foundation director (Ontario) for B'nai B'rith Canada, BB executive vice-president Frank Dimant has announced.

As communications director, Bagley will coordinate all media relations and edit the B'nai B'rith Canada publications — The Covenant, a quarterly tabloid, and the Communique, a bimonthly newsletter.

In her foundation duties, she will assist in the coordination of the direct solicitation campaign for the B'nai B'rith Foundation, in the organization of B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award dinners, and in special foundation projects.

Born in South Africa, Bagley has had significant experience in Jewish communal work, both as a volunteer and as a professional, Dimant said. In Canada, she was director of the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds, and in South Africa she was dirctor of public relations of the Israel United Appeal.

Porn category urged

MONTREAL —

Pornography should not be under the heading of hate propaganda in any revision of the Canadian Human Rights Act, the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights told the federal ministry of justice.

The department is conducting a major review of the act, which regulates the operation of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Among the issues under discussion is expansion of the grounds of discrimination that may be dealt with by the commission. Some groups have suggested that pornography be classified as a type of hate propaganda against women.

The league does believe that the act should be expanded to include all media of hate propaganda. Currently, the act only refers to hate mongering via broadcast, telephone and other types of telecommunication.

The league suggests pornography be given a separate category within the act because the traditional understanding of what constitutes hate propaganda is "more identifiable" in the minds of the Canadian public.

Among the other highlights of the league's presentation were:

• The view that the Canadian Human Rights Commission should continue its present role as primarily an advisory body on human rights matters;

• The Canadian Human Rights Act should have primacy over all other federal legislation;

• Affirmative action should be available as "a remedy for past discrimination because affirmative action programs are by their very nature a remedy for present discrimination which is rooted in the past";

• Criminal conviction or charge should be added as grounds of discrimination depending on the nature of the offence and its relation to the job;

• The concept of "reasonable accommodation" by employers of the religious practices of their workers should be incorporated into the act.

UN files review urged

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress recently called on the Deschenes Commission investigating war criminals to obtain and review United Nations files for their "evidentiary value to the Commission in its investigative work."

In a letter to Justice Jules Deschenes, who heads the inquiry, Prof. Irwin Cotler, CJC's legal counsel, states that in his research he learned that Canada had been a member of the UN War Crimes Commission and had evaluated dossiers of suspected Nazi war criminals.

He noted the files could contain evidence helpful to the Commission and that the government was "in receipt of individual dossiers of suspected Nazi war criminals containing documentary evidence and witness testimony."

55 left USSR last month

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Only 55 Jews left the Soviet Union in June, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

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Bialkin says extremism not acceptable

Lack of tolerance in Israel could damage image

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Kenneth Bialkin, former chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, warns that the violence by extremist religious and secular groups in Israel could lose support for the Jewish state.

"Many of us support Israel because it is a place of tolerance" and a democracy that, like the United States, accepts diversity, he said in response to questions from reporters at the National Press Club.

But, Bialkin, who just ended a 2-year term as a chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, stressed that the extremist presence in Israeli society should not be exaggerated.

He notes that his last act as Presidents Conference chairman was to issue a statement praising Israeli Premier Shimon Peres for his efforts to end the strife.

Bialkin said the majority of Israelis have expressed their "sense of revulsion" over the small number of ultra-Orthodox Jews who engage in violence and the "idiot secular radicals who deface synagogues."

Israel has not received "enough credit in the world for maintaining its stability, for maintaining its democracy . . . for maintaining its freedom of speech and for the diversity of community that it has," Bialkin said.

"These violent episodes and these radical movements are not unusual," he added. "They exist in this country to a limited extent. We have our radical right. They exist throughout the Middle East. . . ."

But Bialkin stressed, "theocratic extremism which seeks to impose a way of life on others is not acceptable whether it is here or anywhere else." He said those who violate the rule of law should be punished.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu has charged that journalists were responsible for the recent violence between secular and ultra-Orthodox Jews and denounced the anti-racism law pending in the Knesset.

"If journalists take lessons on the rules of slander there will be many blank spots in the newspapers," Eliahu said in an interview. Once they learn the lessons, there will be an end to the situation in which every week "someone else's blood is being spilled and the next week there is a small apology," he said.

He expressed shock over the recent arson against a Tel Aviv synagogue, maintaining "it is possible that a PLO man committed that act" because it is hard to believe it was done by a Jew. The arson, and desecration of sacred books at two yeshivas, are believed to have been the work of anti-religious extremists retaliating for a wave of vandalism and arson against bus shelters by ultra-Orthodox Jews who objected to advertising posters.

Eliahu also attacked "all of those of the education committees" who object to introducing religious studies in public schools. He told them "repent publicly and announce that you are ready to introduce Judaism from now on to all educational institutions."

The Chief Rabbi urged that everything must be done to block passage of the anti-racism bill. "If the law prevents rabbis from expressing their views clearly on issues of Torah and halacha, woe to all of us," he said.

The bill is aimed against the racist policies of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party. The religious establishment fears it could be applied to certain Orthodox teachings.

Righteous Gentile saved Jews during war

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Righteous Gentile Wanda Olbryska died here last month at the age of 97. During World War II, she saved 20 Jewish men, women and children from the Nazis.

"She was a great person, phenomenal," Reuben Ogniewicz told The Canadian Jewish News. He and his wife befriended Mrs. Olbryska after reading a newspaper account of how she was honored by Yad Vashem in 1982. Mrs. Ogniewicz was herself aided by Poles during the Holocaust, as she acknowledges in her recently published memoirs.

Olbryska, widowed, lived at Wawel Villa for Polish seniors in Toronto since the early 80s. Her brother Tadeusz Fice, a member of the Polish underground, died in Auschwitz.

For two years during World War II, she and her brother risked summary execution by concealing Jews and partisans in their house in the Warsaw suburb of Zielonka. Ten of the Jewish men, women and children she saved left her to join the partisans; 10 others stayed with her until the end of the war.

"It was from the heart," she said through an interpreter during an interview several years ago. "I just thought I was supposed to do it. I didn't think about it. I just did it."

She received a stream of letters and postcards from her survivors, most of them in Israel now. Among them is a physician with her own family, who was 5 at the time she found refuge with Mrs. Olbryska.

While never having a family of her own, Olbryska estimated the number of her survivors' offspring at 40.

Among the non-Jews that she aided was a young underground fighter who later became her husband. They moved to Canada after the war, sponsored by her brother-in-law.

She and her late brother were honored in 1982 by Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Congregation in Toronto. During the same year, trees were planted in their honor by the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, Yad Vashem. She received a special commendation from Moshe Bejski, chairman of the Israeli Commission for the Designation of the Righteous.

"People must know there was some good in that terrible time and many good Polish people," said Mrs. Ogniewicz. "Just as the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is commemorated and horrors are recalled, the world must also be reminded that thousands of 'Wandas' helped Jews," she said.

The Ogniewiczs were among some 150 mourners at her funeral service, which was held at St. Casimir's church. The body was later flown to Poland for interment. Mrs. Olbryska was one of the last people allowed burial in the Powazki cemetery, where her family plot is located, Ogniewicz pointed out; closed off now, the cemetery served for generations as the final resting place for Poland's leading officers, nobles, intellectuals and kings.

"It is good to recognize that some Polish people were helpful in those times," Bais Emeth-Bais Yehuda's Rabbi Joseph Kelman told The Canadian Jewish News.

"We grew very close in the past years," said Mrs. Ogniewicz. "She was unique, with a wonderful personality." She told The CJN while visiting her at St. Joseph's Hospital a week before her death. Olbryska recited verses and lines of famous plays that she learned as a young actress in Warsaw before the war. "She was entertaining me," said Ogniewicz.

Ogniewicz's Memoirs of A Jewess, written in Polish under the pen name of Maria Halina Horn, was favorably reviewed by the Polish-language press in Israel and Canada, including non-Jewish newspapers. It includes accounts of aid extended to her by Polish Gentiles on several critical occasions.

"A woman like Wanda Olbryska must be commemorated for her own and for everyone's sake," she said.

Media blitz planned in rabbi murder case

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — A "media blitz" of television and radio announcements is ready for broadcast in the Pittsburgh area, in a last ditch effort to crack the murder of Toronto rabbi Neil Rosenblum.

The head of Pittsburgh's Crime Solvers' Program, Tony Hovanec, told The CJN he will hand-deliver the messages to all five Pittsburgh television stations and several radio stations.

"We're saying, 'We're trying to keep this thing alive,' " said Hovanec. "We're not going to give up."

Police in Pittsburgh have all but given up hope on their most promising lead, the color of the car Rosenblum's killers were riding on April 17, the night he was gunned down while returning from synagogue services.

Rosenblum, a graduate of Ner Israel Yeshiva in Thornhill, was in Pittsburgh to celebrate Passover with his wife, month-old daughter and in-laws.

The 30-second public service messages, scheduled to be completed either July 14 or 21 and to be aired soon after, will feature Hovanec imploring anyone with information on the case to call Crime Solvers in Pittsburgh.

Hovanec said the announcements, which were filmed and taped last week, will stress that the reward leading to an arrest and conviction is at $50,000 (U.S.). Half the reward money was raised in Toronto in a 10-day drive by individuals and Metro Crimestoppers after an appeal went out from Pittsburgh officials.

On May 8, an anonymous caller phoned the Pittsburgh crime tip hotline and said he would talk only if the reward was raised from $30,000 to $50,000. So far, he has not called back, Hovanec said, and neither has anyone else.

Pittsburgh police admit they've reached a dead end in the case. The supposed color and make of the assailants' car — a black Corvette — is a lead that has dried up and police haven't another lead in the case in weeks, said homicide officer Sgt. John Flannigan.

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Belgian Christians oppose convent

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Some 900 Belgian Christians have signed a petition asking the Catholic Church and the civil authorities in Poland to abandon plans to build a Carmelite convent at the site of the Auschwitz death camp.

The signatories state that the project is felt by Jews to be an unjustifiable intrusion at a place of intimate mourning for the millions of Jews who perished at Auschwitz during World War II.

The petition was initiated by ecumenical circles in Namur who said they want to contribute to improving Christian-Jewish relations, which have been strained by the installation of a nunnery at Auschwitz. The signatories include priests, pastors, nuns and academicians. It is also circulating in France.

A copy has been sent to the Polish authorities.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Amedeo Modigliani was born in Livorno, Italy, on July 12, 1884. In his turbulent 36 years, the painter-sculptor helped revolutionize the world of art.

Poor health exacerbated by typhus and pleurisy kept young Modigliani from the conventional education that his merchant father mapped out for him. He turned to painting instead. Sitting out the bitter winter of 1901 on the island of Capri, he determined to devote himself to art, which he saw among other things as a haven in the vicissitudes of life.

While the upheavals of war rumbled in the distance, art never reached such lofty and brilliant heights. The 19th century shook painters and sculptors loose from stylistic moorings into a maelstrom of continuous change. Courtly rococo fell before Pompei-inspired neoclassicism, Delacroix's romanticism, Courbet and Daumier's realism, the impressionism of Monet, Degas and Renoir, and then the symbolism of Cezanne, Gaugin and Van Gogh.

The 20th century dawned on a host of masters and their equally innovative disciples scrambling to extend their reach. Modigliani threw himself into their work with his already ebbing energies.

He studied art in Florence and Venice from 1902. The beacon was Paris, where he arrived — about the same time as Picasso, Chagall and other luminaries to be — in 1906. He quickly joined the artistic circles of Montmarte, where he painted and debated ideas on art with leading intellectuals.

Originality

In 1908, he exhibited six works at the Salon des Independents, including La Juive. While under the obvious influence of Cezanne, Gaughin, Toulouse-Lautrec and Matisse, the paintings demonstrated a striking originality. Encouraged by patron Paul Alexandre, he undertook a study of African sculpture as well as that of senior contemporaries Constantin Brancusi and Jacques Lipshitz.

Modigliani transferred the emphasis on self-contained unity of his paintings to his new medium. Instead of casting with bronze, plaster or wax, he applied hammer and chisel directly to stone. In 1912, he exhibited a series of eight heads at the autumn exhibition. Ethereal in their elongated flowing lines, they propelled the treatment of busts forward the distance paintings had moved in the span of a century. They were the talk of Paris.

Modigliani carved 25 original sculptures in all, mostly in sandstone. He brought his enhanced style back to his paintings. Strong contours, juxtaposed colors, and the suppression of the conventional 3-dimensional effect rendered his paintings sculptures on canvas.

He is best remembered for a series of large female nudes. Their first display, in 1917, electrified a Parisian public jaded with a surfeit of brilliance and demoralized by war. Despite protests, officialdom deemed them indecent; they were unceremoniously removed by the local gendarmes.

Frantic work

His avant garde works sold poorly. Poverty and malnutrition undermined him. Periods of frantic work relieved by alcohol and drugs ravaged him further. One troubled affair after the other sapped critical psychic and physical energies. Acquaintances succumbed to the temptation of terming him self-destructive and dissolute. Modigliani's passions exceeded the capacity of his body.

In 1918, he and his latest love, young painter Jeanne Hebuterne, left Paris for a respite at the Cote d'Azure. It was idyllic. A daughter was born to them. He relaxed in the sun and the sea, developing a calm routine and with it a delicacy of line and color. The winter's stay was not long enough, however, to restore his health.

He hurried back to Paris in the spring of 1919 and within months took seriously ill. On a bleak January day in 1920, Modigliani died from tubercular meningitis. His beloved Jeanne killed herself the next morning.

Modigliani's works, including portraits of Paris' leading artistic luminaries and of its charwomen, soared in value. His 30 major nudes carried him to the panoply of artists whose influence far exceeded their brief troubled lives.

New multiculturalism minister

Crombie to be ethnic spokesman

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —
Canada's ethnic community has a new minister speaking for it in Ottawa as a result of last week's cabinet shuffle.

The cabinet shakeup — which resulted in many top cabinet ministers being shifted to new portfolios — saw Toronto MP David Crombie moved from Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the dual postions of minister of state for multiculturalism and secretary of state.

As the third MP to occupy the multiculturalism portfolio since Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives took office in 1984, (Jack Murta was the first) Crombie will be responsible for settling the dispute over wartime compensation to Japanese Canadians and continuing the initiatives launched by his predecessor Otto Jelinek to make the department more accessible to the multicultural community.

These initiatives include opening a storefront office in Toronto, holding multicultural-business conferences and drafting a new multicultural policy to provide Canadians with equal opportunities in all sectors.

"The previous government's theme was 'Let's celebrate our differences,'" Jelinek told The CJN in a recent interview. "The time has come to go beyond that and celebrate our common goals.

"We will build on the foundation — the celebration of differences — with new thrusts and new policies," added Jelinek, who retains his duties as minister of state for fitness and amateur sport.

Crombie was also promoted to the priorities and planning committee, Mulroney's powerful inner circle.

Crombie, Toronto's "tiny, perfect" mayor from 1972 to 1978, entered the House of Commons in October 1978 following a by-election as the member from Rosedale. He served as health minister in former Prime Minister Joe Clark's short lived government and contested the 1983 Conservative leadership convention after Clark stepped down. Following the PC landslide in 1984 Crombie was appointed minister of Indian Affairs.

Japanese-Canadian issue faces MP

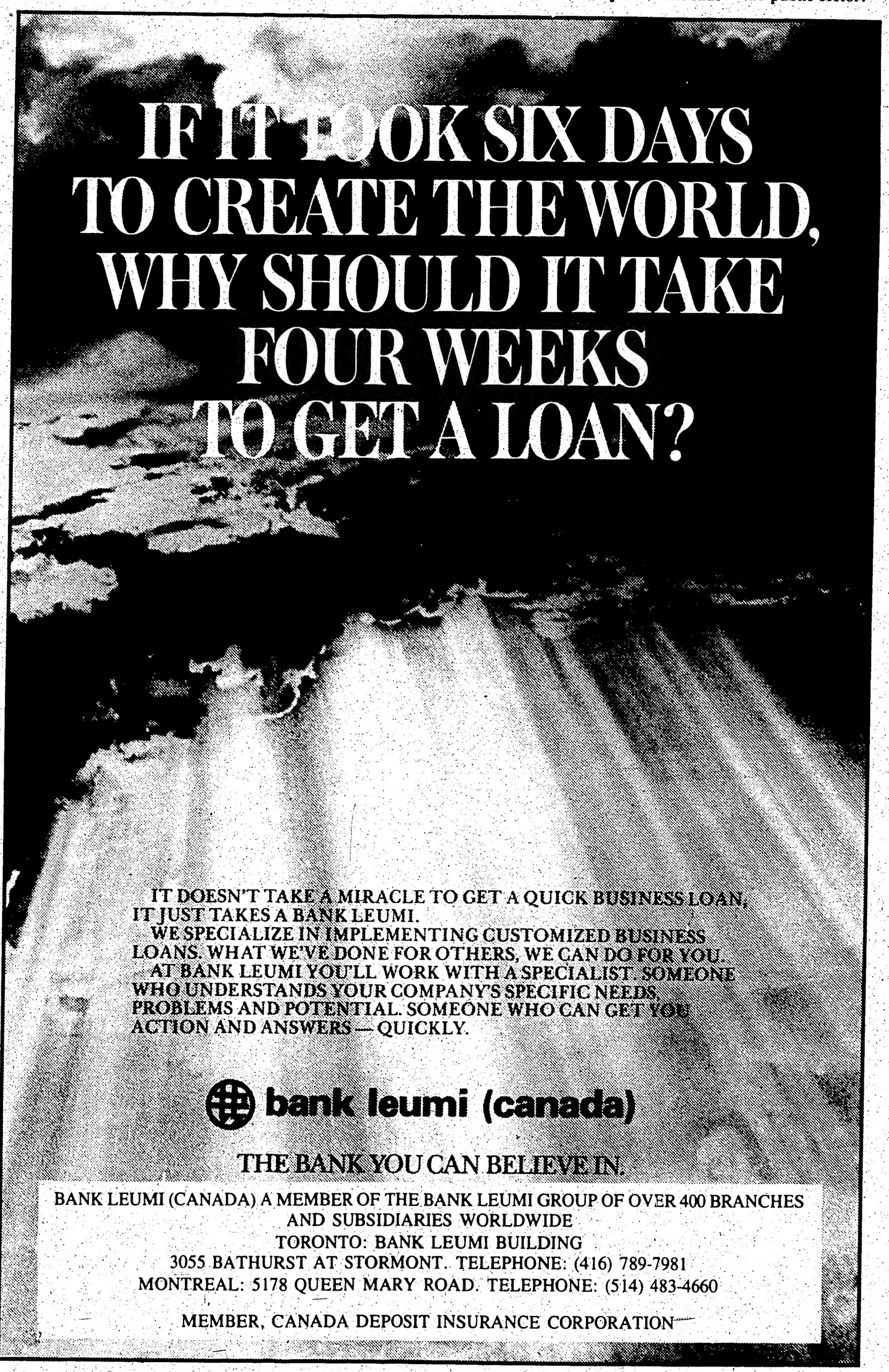
David Crombie

Harry Bick, president of B'nai B'rith Canada, said he was pleased with Crombie's appointment.

"He's capable and knows the multicultural community," Bick told The CJN. "Coming from Toronto, he has good experience working with the multicultural community."

Bick speculated that Crombie would probably expand on Jelinek's work in the portfolio.

The Conservatives' first major cabinet shuffle since taking office also saw St. Paul's MP Barbara McDougall shifted from minister of state for finance to minister responsible for status of women and the new position of minister of state for privatization. In the latter portfolio, she will be responsible for the sale of crown corporations to the public sector.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Editorial

Prosperous PLO

The New York Times (June 29) says that the PLO, far from being a bankrupt organization, is still rolling in money.

That information comes from one Saed Musa, a onetime cohort of Yasser Arafat who became disenchanted with the latter's leadership and now heads a dissident group of Palestinians backed by Damascus.

We have always known that the PLO has been morally and politically bankrupt — ever since it launched its terrorist war against innocent civilians.

Several weeks ago, however, certain Western newspaper sources, including the prestigious publication Forbes, began circulation reports that the PLO was suffering from economic collapse because of its large welfare and other programs.

Not so, according to the disaffected Saed Musa who told New York Timesman Ihsan A. Hijazi that the PLO has amassed a fortune in bank accounts in Lebanon, Jordan and Switzerland,

The PLO's resources in the dusty city of Amman in Jordan are about $700 million. Musa indicated that the PLO had a billion dollars in Beirut banks when the terrorist PLO collective was forced to leave the city by the Israelis.

While Palestinians languish in squalid refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan and elsewhere Yasser Arafat has been visiting African countries where, according to another Arab source (the Arab journal Al Shiraa) he has been giving each nation he visits $5 million to dissuade it from reestablishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

The PLO is far from being financially bankrupt. Arab petrodollars from Libya and Saudi Arabia are still filling its bottomless coffers. PLO money is finding its way into various investment instruments.

The spectacle of PLO moguls riding high while ordinary Palestinian people bear the brunt of poverty and exploitation by other Arab nations is in the long tradition of corrupt political cynicism.

Who owes whom?

We note with some sense of amusement one of the lesser quarrels that is now animating the Israeli-Egyptian discourse.

Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad, an Israeli political commentator, indicates that an Egyptian scholar is now calling for reparations from Israel for the gold which the ancient Israelites took with them when they departed Pharaonic Egypt some 3,000 years ago.

Prof. Bahgiat Ahmad, the Egyptian scholar in question, has even written a book about his subject called Pharaoh and Moses. After researching his topic in various archives, Ahmad came to the conclusion that the exodus from Egypt was so sudden and the withdrawal of so much bullion so disastrous that the empire of the pharaohs collapsed as a result.

Ahmad has been backed in his historical reconstruction of Egypt's ancient period by the Cairo daily Al Gumhuriya which has added an interesting twist to the discussion. The paper says that what the Israelites accomplished was admirable because the Pharaonic empire was cruel and oppressive.

The Egyptians have nonetheless called upon Israelis, the lineal descendants of the Israelites, to repay the debt for the gold (used, the Egyptians note, to construct a golden calf) plus accrued interest. The sum of $40 billion has been mentioned.

An Israeli scholar has challenged the Egyptian reckoning by pointing out that the 300,000 Israelite slaves who labored for 280 years are owed back wages for 3,000 years — plus interest.

Shaul Menashe, the Israeli who responded to Prof. Bahgiat's claim, asked the Egyptians to forward to Israel the difference since the unpaid wages exceeded the gold taken from Egypt.

The good-natured debate on this question apparently obscures a deeper issue — the claim that Israel will some day have to pay compensation to Palestinians who lost property and assets when they left Palestine in 1947-48.

The humorous exchanges between Israel and Egypt on compensation may be a symbolic one with important political resonances. We believe, however, that discussion over the rights of Palestinians (and the rights of Jews who lived in Arab lands) is better than warfare over the same issue.

Perhaps the Egyptians are showing the way to dialogue on this difficult question.

Jewish-Ukrainian relations studied

Hope for other two solitudes

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The relationship between Jews and Ukrainians is burdened by history. For hundreds of years, in Europe, Jewish and Ukrainian interests were inimical. And even today, in Canada, Jews and Ukrainians have clashed over the Deschenes Commission, which was established to investigate war criminals living in this country.

Is there no end to Jewish-Ukrainian lack of mutual understanding?

Howard Aster and Peter Potichnyj, in *Jewish-Ukrainian Relations, Two Solitudes (Mosaic Press)*, grapple with a historical — and emotional — problem that should concern all of us. McMaster University political scientists, Aster and Potichnyj concede that Jews and Ukrainians are "locked in a Gordian knot which appears to be insurmountable." They acknowledge that there are "very few, if any, points at which Jewish and Ukrainian perspectives and interests coincide."

And yet, they write, there is hope.

In addressing themselves to the issue, which has generated more heat than light, Aster and Potichnyj knew they were navigating through dangerous, unknown waters. "When we first approached the topic, we faced a variety of significant problems — the relative paucity of research sources, the incoherence of almost any methodological approach... the general intellectual skepticism with which our colleagues viewed our efforts in this area, the apparent ossified layers of prejudice and confused meanings..."

Aster and Potichnyj, who originally prepared the essays in this volume for two learned societies conferences in 1982, do not pretend to have definitive answers. They regard their monographs as "preliminary" and "exploratory," "beacons in an intellectual area shrouded by fog."

Bogdan Chmielnicki

Infinite — and perhaps irreconciable — controversies complicate the study of Jewish-Ukrainian relations. Several examples will suffice.

•In Ukrainian eyes, Bogdan Chmielnicki is a national hero. But to Jews, he is a savage murderer. Chmielnicki, a 17th century figure, led a revolt against feudal Polish landlords oppressing the Ukrainian population. The management of their estates was often in the hands of Jewish rent collectors. To the average Ukrainian peasant, the Jew was a symbol of Polish Catholic oppression. According to the Ukrainian Encyclopedia, the Jew "found himself between the hammer and the anvil."

Jewish and Ukrainian historians are in general agreement that the Jew, as the unwitting instrument of hated Polish power, generated animosity. But what Ukrainians fail to point out is that Ukrainian anti-semitism was more than the sum total of the Jews' association with the Polish nobility.

•In a forum conducted in Jewish Social Studies, a Jewish and a Ukrainian historian examined the turbulent career of Simon Petlyura, the 20th century Ukrainian nationalist, and arrived at radically different conclusions.

Taras Hunczak described as "absurd" the accusation that Petlyura was anti-semitic and that he played a role in the post-1917 pogroms in the Ukraine. Hunczak went on to say that "to convict Petlyura for the tragedy that befell Ukrainian Jewry is to condemn an innocent man and to distort the record of Ukrainian-Jewish relations."

Zosa Szajkowski rebutted Hunczak's arguments, going as far as to state that his paper should not have been published in a journal of serious Jewish scholarship.

Charging Hunczak with having produced "a journalistic propoganda article," he condemned Petlyura for "leading and sanctioning" the pogroms. "Of this truth there can be no doubt."

The Encyclopedia Judaica, though hardly as harsh, is not kind to Petlyura. It says that when his forces retreated before the Red Army in the winter of 1919, his units "turned into murderous bands and perpetrated mass killings of Jews... Petlyura did little to stop the wave of mob violence..."

The entry takes note of the Ukrainian claim that Petlyura could not be personally held responsible for the pogroms, "because of the anarchical conditions of the revolutionary period."

•Aster and Potichnyj themselves say that the short-lived Ukrainian (1917-1920) state accorded Jews "a significant degree" of national autonomy, and that Yiddish was recognized as an official language. To the authors, this represents the "highest and most accommodating period" in Jewish-Ukrainian relations.

The Encyclopedia Judaica admits that this was "a special period" for Jews and Ukrainians. Yet it also points out that the Jews' autonomous status was abolished in 1918 and that the subsequent progroms which took place, "without the Ukrainian government taking any effective measures to assure the security of the Jewish population," proved that the whole of this project had been directed more at securing the assistance (of Jews) in order to achieve a complete separation from Russia than at really developing a new positive attitude toward Jews."

•Aster and Potichnyj, in their collective summary of the Holocaust, say that Ukrainians, with "the exception of criminal elements," did not participate in genocidal actions against Jews. But the Encyclopedia Judaica says that "great parts of the Ukrainian population wholehearted-ly collaborated with the Nazis in exterminating the Jews..." Elsewhere, the encyclopedia says the number of Ukrainian Nazi collaborators was "particularly large."

Aster and Potichnyj, however, concede that the Ukrainian national underground "did not make a public stand in defence of the Jews."

In their effort to trace the sources of Jewish-Ukrainian tension, Aster and Potichnyj do reveal some interesting facts.

The autonomy granted to Jewish communities by the Polish kings was beneficial. However, they say, it was a major factor in spoiling Jewish-Ukrainian relations: Jews prospered under the rule of the Poles, but Ukrainians found themselves under their heel.

The separateness of Jews and Ukrainians was reinforced by religious differentiation. This, in turn, was accentuated by "a complex system of differentiated economic activity."

Writing from a Ukrainian perspective, Potichnyj admits that his people have been affected by religious anti-semitism. As he puts it: "It is undeniable that a part of the Ukrainian sensibility towards the Jews relates back to the way in which Christianity in general views the Jews."

Ukrainians also have viewed Jews as "money-grubbing" aliens who were not only agents of Polish overlords, but, later, of the Soviet state.

Looking at the positive aspects, he states that the Ukrainians have, despite their general hostility to Jews, viewed them as "spiritually oriented." He adds that the emergence of Israel has had a positive impact on Ukrainians who equate the history of Zionism with the Ukrainian struggle for national independence.

Aster detects a common theme in Yiddish literature — the portrait of a fierce, drunken Ukrainian given to swift anger. He concludes that when Ukrainians have fought their oppressors, the result has been the persecution of the Jews.

Both Aster and Potichnyj suggest that Jews and Ukrainians can work together to achieve a better working relationship.

Aster says it is incumbent on Jews to "unravel the complex nature" of their own history and "to see how that interpretation affects the way in which Jews perceive Ukrainians..."

He argues that since the Ukrainian search for an independent homeland is likely to be a "driving force" inspiring Ukrainian activities outside the Soviet Union, and since 800,000 Jews still live in the Ukraine, Diaspora Jewry should consider getting involved in their struggle for "human rights and national liberation.

"Is this not a basis for joint efforts between Jews and Ukrainians?"

What Aster and Potichnyj are really saying is that Jews and Ukrainians can resolve their historic differences if an independent Ukrainian state arises in the Soviet Union. "One may indeed conclude therefore that only when the conditions of foreign domination are eradicated, for both Jews and Ukrainians, that many of the problems in Jewish-Ukrainian relations may be resolved."

To put it mildly, their prescription is incredibly simplistic. For if what they say is true, Jewish-Ukrainian relations will not improve: The Soviet Union has no intention of breaking up its unity by satisfying the yearnings of Ukrainian nationalists.

Jews and Ukrainians, if they wish to achieve any kind of mutual understanding, will have to find realistic means by which to address their deep-seated problems. They can begin by trying to understand each other's religion, history and culture. The question of Ukrainian national independence is a red herring, a pipe dream, and it should not get in the way of the real struggle at hand: a genuine rapprochement between Jews and Ukrainians, now and not at some future date.

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Opinion

"We must oppose those who spark the fire"

Peres calls for Jewish debate on common ground

Here are excerpts from a speech made June 16 in the Knesset by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres on religious-secular relations (CJN June 26).

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A state is not only a framework of laws, it is also a domain of dialogue. Of late, on the fringes of this domain, marginal, extremist and violent groups have emerged which are trying to scorch the common ground on which this domain is built. A fire is always greater than those who ignite it. We must oppose those who spark off the fire with all our might, with total unity.

The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, to which all the Jewish parties in Israel are signatories and which was unanimously approved, states that the state will "maintain the social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of religion, race or sex," and that it will ensure "freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture" for all its inhabitants.

Is there anyone in this House who would seek to backtrack from this declaration, change its contents or infringe on its spirit? However, would a secular person conceive of maintaining a state without religious persons? Would a religious person conceive of the possibility of a state without secular people? Is it even possible to maintain a Jewish state in which there will be only one type of Jew, only a part of the Jewish people?

True, there are those outside this House who dispute the very existence of the state. There are those outside this House who dispute the laws of the state. But the overwhelming majority of the people, the overriding number, will insist on the essential principle, which is the existence of a state, Jewish in spirit and democratic in essence.

This majority, the overwhelming majority, wants to declare today, just as it did at the time the state was established, that it will not allow a group of deviationists to divert the ship of Israel from its historic route, and will not allow it to be diverted towards the foul shores of intolerance and violence.

We face, therefore, a campaign, while a dispute is going on among us. The campaign is over the soul of the state. This is a common battle of most of the religious streams and most of the secular tracks — against extremism, against incitement, against breach of the law, against violence.

There is no room for compromise in this campaign. Either all of us mobilize ourselves in order to win it, or most of us will be its victims. Either the street governs by law, or the law will rule the street.

Prime Minister Peres in the Knesset.

The government will not hesitate to use all the means which the law places at its disposal. It has already been said in The Ethics of the Fathers: "Come let us pray for the peace of the kingdom, since but for the fear of it men would swallow each other alive."

Those elected by the public and its leaders, from all the public strata, must unequivocally, openly and with resounding voice condemn violence, rift, disjunction and revolt among brothers.

We have the Israel Defence Forces ensuring Israel's security for many generations. We need a guard of civilians to ensure Israel's peace for the generations to come. Destruction is not only an outside threat; it is also a historical memory stemming from an inability to live together, among ourselves, internally.

In the discussion we held on the eve of the holiday of the giving of the law, the Chief Rabbi of Israel said that violence and Judaism do not go together. They are a contradiction in terms.

Let us walk together even though there is a debate between us, a debate that can be conducted on common ground, and not on ground that is riven.

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What is the nature of this dispute? Prof. Gershon Scholem, who maintained that Zionism "returned the Jewish people to history," added that "the link between religious and secular Jewry is the surety and agreement, not only with respect to the common past, but also with respect to work and struggle for a common future, the future of the people as a living nation; even if today we do not know whether indeed this Jewish life will find its expression in growing remote from or closer to [traditional] religion."

Seeking to explain the secular stand, he argues that they, too, have a "holiness of the secular," and therefore religious people ought to understand that many secular people have a sense of holiness: towards Eretz Israel, towards the Book of Books, towards the Hebrew language, towards "and thou shall proclaim liberty throughout the land," towards "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

It is self-evident that secular people must understand the deep sentiment of the religious towards the Torah and its commandments, towards the commandments of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not," as they grasp them. This feeling must be respected, the sensitivity of the religious mut be taken into account, and one should refrain from temptations originating in the desire "to spite."

The major danger of the debate is not in its existence, but in the way it is conducted. How shall we conduct it? By contempt, exaggeration, disregard, by force of arms? An enflamed debate, a debate by fire? Or shall we conduct it on the basis of consideration, moderacy, mutual respect, the strength of conviction? A controlled debate, a debate by ways of pleasantries?

In order to resolve the dispute, the parties in Israel, religious and non-religious alike, have reached three basic agreements:

- There will be no religious compulsion;
- There will be no anti-religious compulsion;
- The status quo will be respected.

The major difficulty in the implementation of this agreement is to define the status quo. Life is not static; what exists, changes. The government must prevent compulsion in accordance with the decision of the majority. It will not allow a person's house to be penetrated in order to impose on him one faith or another. The citizen is sovereign of his faith and master of his opinions, and the state does not impose opinions or beliefs. Moreover, in order to maintain maximum cooperation, the state agreed that in state institutions — and first and foremost in the IDF — the Sabbath will be respected and kashrut will be observed.

Therefore, the main problem lies in the areas located between the citizen's liberty and the state's responsibility. That is to say — mainly in the domain of local government. Here the status quo is not based on uniformity but on diversity. It is based on the recognition that there are differences between one place and the next, between one local authority and another, in accordance with precedents from the past, according to the taste of the residents.

All told, in this area, too, experience crystallized which withstood the test of reality. In various places there are soccer grounds open on the Sabbath, even though the religious public is not happy with this. In other places there are streets closed on the Sabbath, even though the secular public is not thrilled with that.

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In the past two years, I have done all I could to placate clashing forces, to calm stormy emotions, to establish understanding between adversaries and opponents. I shall go on acting in order to narrow gaps, bring the remote closer together, to have the various sides meet, to metamorphose "I" into "we."

The law needs the public as an escort. Persuasion should be its prop. It should not come in its place, but it must station itself alongside. I believe that Judaism in its diversities, it richness, its scope, is the sole common platform upon which a Jewish society can be maintained — a sovereign, Zionist and democratic society. Because there is no Zionism without a Jewish heritage, and there is no Jewishness in our time without a Zionist vision, and the two of them can exist in the Land of the Fathers only on the basis of genuine and complete democracy.

The government will fulfil its tasks. It will see that the law is maintained. It will implement verdicts. It will break violence when it encounters violence.

I call on the entire nation, the entire Jewish people, to enlist itelf in order to douse the fires and not to fan them; to give expression to what we hold in common; to deepen the dialogue; to respect tradition; to defend what is vital; to maintain democracy.

The paths of peace must be sought not only in the directions leading from the country outwards, but also in the directions leading from the country inwards. To make peace with out neighbors depends on our neighbor; to bring peace to ourselves, depends on us. Nor is this a lesser responsibility. Let us not each of us seek his own solutions. They do not exist. Only by forging a solution acceptable to us all, will the prospect also be forged of solutions for all the diversity among us.

Israel Museum event on the Dead Sea

Did banquet scare the Jordanians?

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

No one will ever know what went on one recent spring evening in Jordanian military headquarters when Jordan's military intelligence services sent in emergency reports of alarming and suspicious movements on the Israel side of the southern tip of the Dead Sea. First reports seemed to be unbelievable. Observers had noted that a large convoy of big buses, of the kind used by Israel to transport troops, had made its way south, and was now driving onto the top of one of the narrow dikes leading directly into the middle of the Dead Sea.

Spotlights and unusual activity had been detected at the very end of the dike, close to the Jordanian boundary line, but it seemed incredible that this could be an amphibian group preparing to embark on a reckless adventure in Jordanian waters. Yet the loaded buses, a whole caravan of them, were heading steadily into the dead end of the dike, one of many which divide the Dead Sea at this point into vast pools for purposes of evaporation.

Tension eased when the buses came to a halt at the very end, and disgorged their civilian passengers, who took seats about round tables bedecked with bright covers. The prevailing western breeze wafted to Jordanian nostrils the unmistakable odors of grilled meats and all the fixings which go with an elegant 7-course dinner. The ripples of the sea lapped at three sides of the salt-encrusted dike. The orchestra played, the costumed dancers made merry on an improvised platform, the mood was jolly, and before the evening was over, most of the throng hand locked arms into a long, snaky hora dance, weaving its way in and out among the tables, and occasionally even stepping into the shallow brine.

How can one explain to the Jordanians that this was the unusual way the Israel Museum had chosen to culminate the annual meeting of its international council. While many members from European countries were present, the attendance from the U.S. was a victim of terrorist scares and not all that it should have been. The program prepared by the museum authorities was one which would make all those who had stayed away, rue their decision.

Event's program made the no-shows rue decision

This one-of-a-kind event was the product of the joint effort of three bodies. One, as stated, was the Israel Museum, which in its relatively short history has emerged as one of the great art and archeology galleries of the world. Never satisfied, the council this year devoted its deliberations in large part to consideration of the educational functions of the museum in serving the public, particularly the youth.

The second partner in the "Jordan Surprise" was the Dead Sea Works, which last year sold more than $300 million worth of potash and bromine, not to speak of the millions of tons of various salts, magnesium and other minerals. Even by American standards, the towering plant of the Dead Sea Works is most impressive. No less significant is the fact that through its use of high technology, the firm has become one of Israel's most successful and flourishing enterprises, second only to Israel Aircraft Industries.

The gastronomical side of the unique evening was most competently taken care of by the staff of the Moriah Dead Sea Spa Hotel, located not too many miles from the potash plant. In the midst of this otherwise desolate wilderness, the Moriah chefs served such imaginative dishes as Ein Gedi pineapple filled with Jericho fruits, accompanied by Lot's Wife sauvignon blanc, Moriah leopard wellington fillet, Sodom potatoes, Judea broccoli with smoked goose breast, and so on through seven courses, ending up with Bedouin coffee. The printed menu was in the shape of the Dead Sea, and mounted on a slab encrushed thickly with large grains of salt.

What the Jordanians do not know is how all that food was kept piping hot, where the exotic Indian dancers came from, and how in the world the buses managed to turn around on that narrow dike, so as to be ready to transport their passengers back to Jerusalem when the program was finished.

The throng felt sorry for those who had not come. Speculation was rife as to what the musuem fathers would think of next year. As we left, none of us looked back. We all remembered Lot's wife.

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Opinion

Refusal to come to terms with Nazi past

Waldheim symbolizes pervasive Austrian attitude

(Fourth in a series on Austria)

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

VIENNA —

Kurt Waldheim, the president of Austria, is unwittingly an extremely apt symbol for the way in which the majority of Austrians view their dark past: through rose-colored glasses.

In the English edition of his memoirs, Waldheim glosses over an important period of his life — 1942 to 1945. He claims he spent these years in Vienna recuperating from war wounds and studying law, when in fact he served as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer in the Balkans, the scene of atrocities against Yugoslavians and Greek Jews.

Waldheim may or may not be a war criminal. But what is certainly true is that he lied about his war record. And once his lie was exposed, Waldheim — an opportunistic careerist — claimed that he had only been a "decent soldier" who had "done his duty." Waldheim, the former secretary-general of the United Nations, saw no

Adolf Hitler

Herbert Steiner

Adolf Eichmann

—reason for shame or guilt and, unlike the president of West Germany, argued that such questions, 41 years after World War II, should be closed.

Most Austrians accepted his explanation and, on June 8, voted for him in the presidential election.

Waldheim, whether he likes it or not, symbolizes Austria's attitude of self-forgiveness and its refusal to accept historical responsibilities for its Nazi past. It used to be said half-jokingly that the Austrians had convinced the world that Hitler was a German and that Beethoven, a native of Bonn, was an Austrian.

The Waldheim affair, says Hilde Weiss, a University of Vienna sociologist, is perfectly indicative of how Austrians perceive the Nazi era. "They never grasped the fact that, rather than having been victims of Hitler's expansionist policy, they were fellow aggressors."

In the 1943 Moscow Declaration, Britain, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, for utilitarian reasons, proclaimed Austria "the first victim of Hitlerite aggression." Austrians welcomed the Moscow Declaration and, unlike the Germans, did not feel the need to come to terms with the ghost of Nazism.

The de-Nazification process petered out, postwar politicians wooed former Nazi Party members, Austrian reparation payments were minimal, and school texts all but ignored Austria's role in the Third Reich.

Coverup produces opposite results

Until the Waldheim controversy burst into the open, Austria had been comparatively successful in forgetting its unsavory war years. The irony is that Waldheim, in trying to cover up his past, unintentionally highlighted a period of Austrian history he would have preferred to forget entirely, says Herbert Steiner, head of the Austrian Resistance Archive.

The genesis of Austria's involvement in National Socialist crimes begins with the 1938 Anschluss. With Austria now part of the German Reich, Hitler rode triumphantly into Vienna, 500,000 Austrians cheering him on lustily.

George Clare, a Viennese Jew, recalled that day in his memoirs, *Last Waltz in Vienna:* "The whole city behaved like an aroused woman, vibrating, writhing, moaning and sighing lustfully for orgasm and release. This is not purple writing. It is an exact description of what Vienna was and felt like on Monday, 14 March 1938, as Hitler entered her."

Hitler, a pan-Germanic Austrian, developed his fiercely anti-semitic notions in Vienna. "I came to Vienna as a 17-year-old man and I left as an absolute anti-semite," he has been quoted as saying.

Austrians were receptive to Nazi ideology, and about 10% joined the Nazi Party, compared with 7% of Germans. Austrians commanded four of the most notorious Polish concentration camps: Treblinka, Sobibor, Belzec and Maidanek. Adolf Eichmann, an Austrian, headed the Gestapo's Jewish affairs department. And Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the Gestapo chief, was an Austrian as well. Two Austrians, Arthur Seyys-Inquart and Hans Rauter, directed the annihilation of Dutch Jewry. Over 1,000 Austrians participated in the Einsatzkommandos, the killer squads which destroyed Jewish communities in the Soviet Union.

There were, of course, Austrians, who detested Nazism.

According to official Austrian records, 60,000 Austrians were arrested upon the proclamation of the Anschluss, and some 100,000 Austrians took part in resistance activities.

The Austrian Resistance Archives, which highlights this little-known facet of Austria's history, concedes in a booklet that partisan warfare against Nazism "never really developed to perfection in Austria and was restricted to just a few remote mountainous regions."

All told, 35,000 Austrians lost their lives fighting the Nazis. Sixteen thousand of them perished in concentration camps, including Mauthausen. It isn't clear how many of the 35,000 were Jews, who were already targeted for destruction.

After the war, Austria's 500,000 registered Nazis were wooed by the People's Party and the Socialist Party. In 1970, the new Socialist chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, a Jew, included four former Nazis in his cabinet. Five years later, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal disclosed that Friedrich Peter, the leader of the Freedom Party, had been an SS lieutenant during murderous operations against Jews in the Ukraine.

In 1985, the Austrian defence minister, the son of a Nazi Party member, set off an international political storm when he flew to Graz and personally welcomed Walter Reder, an Austrian-born SS major whom Italy had released. Reder had been accused of taking part in the killings of Italian civilians.

The incident, which underlined the insensitivity of some Austrians to their Nazi past, occurred when the World Jewish Congress was meeting in Vienna. Fred Sinowatz, the Austrian chancellor, apologized, saying he was "terribly sorry" his minister had been so remiss.

Austria's de-Nazification program was not a brilliant success, although official Austrian figures speak of 130,000 war crime proceedings which ended with 13,000 guilty verdicts and 30 executions.

Herbert Steiner says that de-Nazification "was finished, more or less, when the Cold War started." The government, in appealing to the Nazi vote, had "no real interest" in pursuing war criminals.

Steiner says that only the briefest mention of the Nazi past appeared in Austrian school books, while teachers tainted by Nazism were permitted to keep their jobs.

There has been an improvement in the situation, he adds. But much remains to be done. For example: Teachers, at their discretion, may or may not include the Nazi period in their class discusions.

Austria, though having committed itself to full restitution of property to Nazi victims, was hardly as generous as West Germany as far as reparations were concerned. Ivan Hacker-Lederer, the leader of Austria's present-day Jewish community, dismissed the payments as "peanuts."

The back cover of Sieg, a neo-Nazi magazine in Austria. It refers to so-called Jewish anti-German feelings.

Austria neo-Nazism presents a disturbing phenomenon

VIENNA —

Four decades after Austria went down to abysmal defeat with Nazi Germany in World War II, neo-Nazism in Austria is a disturbing phenomenon.

The Austrian government has in place a series of laws which forbid Nazi activity and Nazi publications and which ban propaganda against religious and national minorities. But neo-Nazism has sprouted nonetheless.

Karl Blecha, Austria's minister of interior, said last year that there are no more than about 200 neo-Nazis in the country.

But private researchers dispute his figure.

Sylvanna Konieczni, who works with Simon Wiesenthal, and Brigette Galanda, of the Austrian Resistance Archive, both say the figure is closer to 1,000.

Galanda believes that the most militant neo-Nazi organization is the National Democratic Party, led by one Gerd Honsik. The NDP espouses anti-semitism and anti-democratic sentiments.

In general, foreign workers are its chief targets. But Jews have been on the neo-Nazis' "hit list" as well. Two years ago, a West German citizen, Ekkehard Weil, was given a 5-year sentence for having thrown bombs into Jewish shops and homes in Vienna and Salzburg, which caused no injuries.

Two of his Austrian accomplices were sent to prison, too.

There are a number of neo-Nazi publications, the most prominent being Halt and Sieg. Their total circulation is estimated to be 5,000.

Neo-Nazis have never sat in the Austrian parliament, but they haven't abandoned hope of winning seats.

Grassroots members of neo-Nazi organizations usually come from the ranks of the unemployed and are invariably socially maladjusted and poorly educated. The leaders, however, are much more sophisticated.

Galanda says that, in the early 1970s, neo-Nazis lost ground as Austria swung left politically. "But the smaller they became in size, the more radical they became in outlook," she explains.

Konieczni says that neo-Nazis are not, in themselves, dangerous. "But they have many friends and sympathizers, and therefore, could be of great political danger."

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Opinion

But it didn't much help us in those times

We were Hebrews before we were Jews in Canada

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I must confess that I found it quite thrilling to watch the massive outpouring of enthusiasm when Canadians, from Bonavista (on the Atlantic) to Queen Charlotte Islands (on the Pacific), celebrated our country's 119th birthday.

It was exciting and very moving because I remember when the First of July was known as "Dominion Day," when no one worked, when the Union Jack was raised over all government buildings and when the big show of that day was the parade of commercial vehicles of every variety, drawn by groomed horses bearing polished and sparkling harnesses, moving down University Ave. in Toronto.

J.B. Salsberg

Now, that I have reached the age of maturity and wisdom (?), I am able also to recall many other things about Canada's past and about the place and experience of Canadian Jews in that distant past. It is, in my view, desirable to look at our past in order to fully appreciate how far we, Canada and its Jews, have traveled. It will, I hope, help us to appreciate and to celebrate this country on its future birthdays.

In the beginning we were known as Hebrews and not as Jews. Why? Perhaps because the Bible-reading Anglo-Saxon majority (outside of Quebec) that dominated every aspect of life in Great Britain's colonies, north of the U.S., thought of us as heirs of the ancient Hebrew people. But, lest you think that such a historic connection may have gained us special esteem and respect then you will be making a very serious mistake.

Yes we accepted and applied that designation to most of our early Jewish endeavors but it didn't much help us. Our early synagogues were all known as Hebrew congregations. Our present Jewish Community Centres were originally known as Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations. Toronto's first Yiddish daily was known as The Hebrew Journal. On our early naturalization papers and passports we were designated as Hebrew. When I, as a young lad, was first registered in Toronto's public schools (Lansdowne School, to be specific) I was officially listed as a Hebrew.

But, and there is the rub, we were frequently, all too frequently also called "Kikes, Sheenyes and Christ Killers." As "Christ Killers" bearded Jews often had to duck stones thrown by young boys. Such incidents were not uncommon in my youth on the streets of Toronto.

When Ezekiel Hart (1770-1843) was elected, in 1807, as the member for Three Rivers (Trois Rivieres) to the Quebec Legislative Assembly he was prevented from taking his seat because he refused to take the oath of allegiance with a Christian Bible in his hands but wanted "the Book of Moses."

As late as the middle 40s of this century it was not illegal to place a sign on a Toronto suburban beach informing everyone that "Jews, Niggers and Dogs are not allowed on this beach." Nor was it, until that time, illegal to advertise that no Jewish or Negro guests were welcomed in many summer resorts. Nor was it a crime for Eaton's, though employing Jewish tailors in its factories, to refuse to employ any Jews as salespeople in any of their stores.

Neither was it contrary to law for non-Jewish property owners in urban areas to make legal pacts that denied the owners the right to sell their properties to Jews or to the Canadians of specified origin or ancestry. (I remember seeing one such documents in which not only Jews, and Blacks were excluded but Ukrainians also.)

Nor was it possible for Toronto's first Jewish medical school graduate, the late Dr. Samuel Levine, to earn his livelihood as a physician in his native city. On graduation a kindly dean of medicine gave the fledgling Dr. Levine the fatherly advise to begin his practice in the U.S. "because there aren't enough of your people here to provide you with a livelihood." And, the young Jewish doctor actually went to Buffalo to practice medicine. He returned to his native city a few years later when there were enough of "his people" to provide him with a living.

Another renowned medical man, the late Dr. A. I. Willinsky, had to put up a determined, public battle for his rights to practice surgery in Western Hospital, even though he had also graduated with flying colors from some of Great Britain's world famous post-graduate medical schools. He finally won his public battle.

And who can forget the unofficial but rigidly enforced quota system for Jewish applicants to Toronto's School of Medicine and to the Dentistry school? Nor is it forgotten by the older generation of Canadian Jews that until World War II few, if any, Jewish medical graduates could achieve internships in Toronto's major hospitals. (That may have been one reason why Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital was established. . . .)

Yes, it seems like only yesterday when Neil, a bitterly hostile, anti-semitic boy of my neighborhood, sneaked up behind me in the Lansdown School schoolyard and delivered a blow to my face that gave me my one and only "black eye." Why did he do it? Because our teacher, who always called me "Joseph," appointed me a "Christ killer," as he called me, as "captain" of the boys' section to lead the class from and to the schoolyard.

But, my beloved readers, don't despair. What happened since those days also needs to be enumerated as I hope to do next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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DEPLORES ANTI-SEMITIC FLYERS

On June 19, flyers, purportedly from Eveready Printing Ltd. purveying anti-semitic literature, appeared in various neighborhoods of Toronto.

On behalf of Eveready Printers Ltd., we want to make clear that our company had absolutely nothing to do with this flyer. At no time have we ever produced, printed or distributed the material it advertises.

We found the flyers to be anti-semitic and abhorrent, and were troubled by its nasty attempt deliberately to smear our company.

We must add that the police and the Canadian Jewish Congress are investigating the matter.

To support the investigation, Eveready Printers Ltd. hereby offers a reward of $1,000 to the person who forwards information leading to a conviction of the real distributors of the flyers.

Please forward the information on this matter to Crime Stoppers at (416) 222-8477.

Kim Larsen
Toronto

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NUKES Vs. DARK AGES

Re the June 19 letter headed "A No-No to Nukes," in which the Shalom Disarmament Group wants "existing (nuclear power) plants to be phased out":

This goal would be more realistic if at least one viable alternative is proposed that does not turn us back into the dark ages.

Sidney Joseph
Toronto

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JB, MEND YOUR WAYS!

Having read J. B. Salsberg's columns for an extended period of time, I find it quite humorous that Rabbi Erwin Schild would call him a "Baal Teshuva."

"Baal Teshuva" is a religious term for someone who has returned and is now trying to live a Torah way of life.

One cannot call someone a "Baal Teshuva" if that person hardly follows such laws as the Sabbath.

J. B. Salsberg might be a very nice person who has a strong feeling toward the Jews, but that is it.

By saying that Israel cannot prosper without becoming, in every sense of the word, a democratic pluralistic society clearly shows Salsberg's level of knowledge and acceptance of Torah.

While Salsberg is no longer a Communist, he has once again faltered by putting his faith in the wrong direction.

Just as pure Communism is an illusion, so is pure democracy.

If he is looking for an ideology that offers more than just politics and economics, maybe he'll do real "Teshuva" and learn and accept Torah.

Richie Cohen
Toronto

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ANGRY AT CAPLAN "SMEAR"

Recently Elinor Caplan resigned from the Ontario cabinet pending an investigation.

The matter arose because her husband worked for a company that received government funding. It is alleged that he benefited from the government grant.

He has denied this and has told the press that before any steps were taken, he declared his role with the senior bureaucrat in charge of advising on conflict of-interest guidelines.

It is a shame that such an outstanding cabinet minister and supporter of Jewish causes should be subjected to such harassment and partisan politics.

She has never been accused of breaking the guidelines, but rather her husband has.

Because she is a woman who works, the opposition parties are trying to suggest that there is something improper in her husband carrying on his usual business.

No one has even hinted that she interfered in any way on behalf of her husband to get the government grant.

Women everywhere should raise their voices in anger at this smear campaign.

Ella Fleischmann
Toronto

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FUN-LOVING DORIS DEAD

I am sure that many of your readers in the Jewish community will join me in mourning for my mother and best friend, Doris Fleishman, who recently died of cancer at the age of 75.

Before I became a professional entertainer, we teamed up to play the Jewish synagogue-and-old-folks'-home circuit, performing original skits and songs under the billing of Moma & Rosalie.

Since then, over the past 12 years, the Doris Musical Show has become an audience-pleasing byword, first at the old National Council of Jewish Women building, and presently at the Bernard Betel Centre.

With Doris at the helm, 35 Jewish seniors — many of them first-time public entertainers — performed in Toronto nursing homes, community centres and theatres.

They were given three grants by the Ontario government and received many awards.

Though Doris instituted in them the drive to perform, I pray they will continue even now. My fun-loving mother always said: "The show must go on."

Doris Fleishman, whose Doris Musical Variety Show entertained Toronto seniors over the past 12 years and who recently died at 75, is mourned by her fans.

She'll be missed by me and my brother Fred, our father Sam, now 76, her four grandchildren — and a great many fans in the community. We'll all remember her for her entertainer's legacy: "Let's get the show on the road."

Rosalie Moscoe
Toronto

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HOW COME THEY'RE "VANDALS?"

I notice that your headline over the June 19 story on the vandalizing of a synagogue in Tel Aviv was worded this way: "Anti-zealot vandals go on the rampage."

Where did the word "vandals" come from?

If my memory doesn't fail me, I can't recall you headlining the bus-shelter burners as "zealot vandals" or "ultra-Orthodox vandals," or even using the single word "vandals" in the body of the story.

Harry Steiner
Toronto

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SEEKS MISSING AUNT

I am writing you in the hope that your newspaper may help me locate my aunt, with whom we lost touch in 1972. I have attempted to find her through friends and acquaintances for the last few years, but to no avail.

My aunt's name is Mina Wecxler. The last time we heard from her she was living with her daughter, Bertha Tauer, in Montreal in 1972. Mina Wecxler has a brother (my father) in Guatemala, Central America, but in 1972 we were residing in Nicarauga. Both my father, David Pantil Schwartz, and my aunt emigrated from Savene Dorohoi, a town in Romania.

My father is in his early 80s and would very much like to hear from his sister again.

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SAYS ISRAELI SPYING VALID

During the past few weeks, we have seen the outcry raised by Americans shocked that Israel should be spying on a friend.

We are quick to forget, however, that while it is true that America is a friend of Israel, its friendship is tempered by national interest.

As the record shows, the dependability of the United States in standing behind Israel during times of great crisis has not been 100%, leaving Israel's survival in jeopardy.

We must remember how in 1948, when Israel declared its independence, the United States, while rushing out to recognize it, also threw an arms embargo on the area, effectively leaving Israel without the major source of arms.

Seven Arabs armies, already supplied by the British and other Allies who were pulling out of the region, moved to destroy the new-born State.

Rescue came from Joseph Stalin, who sent arms into Israel through Eastern Europe.

Again in 1956, when Nasser sent terrorists into the Negev to murder Jews and moved his armies into the Sinai, Israel attacked and captured the Sinai, only to pull back under pressure from President Eisenhower, who guaranteed that the Sinai would become demilitarized.

If the United States was a true friend of Israel, then why was not the information Israel was seeking made available through normal channels? Therefore, Israel should have no guilt — if spying to find out information about its enemies strengthen its chances of survival.

Chaim Braverman
Van Nuys, Calif.

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A RAVE FOR ROSEN

Many thanks to Jeff Rosen for his May 29 comprehensive article on Stationery Plus, headed "Choosing right card isn't an easy task."

The positive response from my clients, business liaisons, friends and family was very gratifying.

Gilda Lefton
Toronto

World-National

Arab-Israeli freeze on violence urged

PARIS (JTA) —

Ovadia Soffer, Israeli ambassador to France, has issued an appeal to "establish non-violence between Israel and the Arabs" and called for "an immediate freeze of military operations and violence" both in the Middle East and world terrorism.

In an exclusive statement to the French newspaper France-Soir, Baghdad-born Soffer, referring to himself as a "son of the region," said he is "launching an appeal to all Arab governments that there be an immediate freeze of military operations and violence . . . possibly given that these governments have the power of controlling the terrorist organizations and thus contributing to regional and international security."

Soffer also strongly supports the involvement of the European Community in a search for a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict. He asserted that the EEC "should be empowered to take, under its auspices, the investiture of such a freeze in order to promote negotiations between Israel and its neighbors."

Israeli Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir while in Paris last month dicussed with French Premier Jacques Chirac the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries to stem terrorist activities. Shamir inaugurated the Israel-Common Market Joint Chamber of Commerce, with the spokesmen of both countries vowing to fight terrorism.

Soffer also offered "another appeal which will go in the direction of the Marshall Plan suggested by Prime Minister Shimon Peres." Peres first brought the suggestion of a new kind of Marshall Plan to London Jan. 22 when he addressed the Royal Institute of International Affairs there.

At the time, Peres proposed that the United Sates, Europe and some Middle East nations join in such a project to emulate that set forth by U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall in the wake of World War II, which provided for the reconstruction of the economic and physical structures of the countries devastated by the war.

In April, U.S. President Reagan promised to study the proposal for a new Marshall Plan — like development for the Middle East "as the way to foster a better climate for peace" in the region. The plan was also on the agenda at the Tokyo Economic Summit Conference in May.

Soffer, in his detailed list of suggestions given to French journalist Robert Soule, cited the serious financial situation of the Arab countries resulting from the drop in oil prices, emphasizing that the economic straits have "repercussions in the entirety of the Third World which suffers from famine and sickness.

"I would like to make known to the Arab countries that if they should accept our proposal of peace, there is a possibility — and we have the ability to do it — to go forward hand in hand in order to assure economic prosperity in the region."

Soffer also included the problem of the water shortage common to so many countries in the region, saying that the Israelis, as experts in the field of irrigation, "can, in fighting against this scarcity, ameliorate the production of food." He offered "to place at the disposition of our Arab neighbors, if they choose peace," Israeli know how in both technical and medical spheres.

PROTEST VIOLENCE

About 2,000 people demonstrated in Tel Aviv recently against the wave of sectarian-ultra Orthodox violence in Israel. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has called for more tolerance on both sides. See page 9. [Religious News Service photo]

Waldheim sent U.S. "message"

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Both the White House and the Senate have put the government of Austria on notice that they dislike that country's new president, Kurt Waldheim, about whom war crimes allegations have been made.

The Senate adopted a non-binding resolution without objection. It urges President Ronald Reagan to instruct the American representative to the United Nations to object to the annual pension payment of $81,650 to Waldheim, former secretary-general of the world body. He has received the pension every year since 1982 when he left the UN post.

Senator Daniel Moynihan (D-NY), who sponsored the amendment, said that "had Mr. Waldheim's past been known, it's very unlikely he would ever been chosen" secretary-general in 1972. "We can cease to reward him for those 10 years of deception."

Pointing out that Waldheim's official autobiography says his wartime service ended in 1941 after being wounded in the leg on the eastern front, Moynihan said, "This was a lie — a lie that was not just an ordinary misrepresentation of the past but rather a misrepresentation that went to the very heart of the United Nations."

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY) introduced a resolution in the House similar to Moynihan's. And in a related action, Schumer and 34 other congressmen urged Reagan not to invite Waldheim to the U.S. if the justice department places Waldheim on its "watch list" of undesirable aliens. The department has not ruled on a recommendation from its Office of Special Investigations to put him on that list.

Rabin warns terror-backers of war danger

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

"Israel must be willing to go to war against countries which aid terrorism — there is no other way to eradicate it," Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said here recently. He spoke at a symposium on the war against terrorism at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

The symposium marked the 10th anniversary of Israel's rescue of hijacked airliner hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

According to Rabin, had a bomb intended for an El Al airliner not detonated prematurely at Madrid's Barajas International Airport but exploded in the air, Israel would have had to consider going to war against Syria.

"If, God forbid a hundred times over, an El Al airliner is blown up and we discover fingerprints leading to another country, Israel will face a moral dilemma of the highest order — do we go to war? We have to be prepared for these kinds of questions," Rabin said.

He has charged that the person who brought the bomb to Madrid Airport traveled to Spain on a Syrian passport, indicting that the Syrian authorities knew who he was and possibly knew his mission (CJN July 3).

Rabin charged further that weapons used in last year's terrorism attack at Leonard Da Vinci Airport in Rome had been sent in the diplomatic pouches of an Arab country.

He acknowledged that there is better cooperation with other countries toward preventing terrorist acts. But "we are at the beginning of the beginning regarding cooperation in the international sphere against terrorism," he said.

Rabin applauded the American air strike against Libya 2½ months ago but noted the unwillingness of other NATO countries to assist the U.S. He said it was too early to judge the results of the American action. "The American attack was a precedent, but I don't know if there will be any follow-up," he said.

Aussie war criminal probe

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were involved in the Nazi Party between 1933-45."

There followed a series of events which eventually led to the creation of the task force:

In March, following discussions with Jewish community leaders, Baume made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for documents received by Australia from the United Kingdom "which ask or purport to ask the Australian government to stop asking refugee applicants for immigration from Eastern Europe whether they had been involved in wartime atrocities or with any Nazi organizations and to accept them as migrants."

In April journalist Mark Aarons began a series of radio broadcasts of "Nazis in Australia," a 5-part historical record of Australia's official lack of action on Nazis resident there, and on complicity with their post-war activities.

By mid-April the federal minister for immigration had called for a report on Australian immigration procedure in the post-war period. That was followed by calls from various state (equivalent to our provincial) governments to the federal authorities to establish a Royal Commission into Nazis.

Events continued to gather momentum. Senator Don Chipp, the leader of the Australian Democrats in the Senate, added his voice to the chorus requesting an inquiry and throughout various state parliaments the call was repeated by a number of individual representatives.

In May, the premier of New South Wales, Nevill Wran, lined up behind those asking for a government inquiry.

When Kaplan arrived in early June, he met with the federal attorney-general to "discuss the concept of a war criminal investigation." He learned in the meeting the government had, one day earlier, established the 1-man task force to investigate just that question.

Kaplan said they discussed the Canadian experience in investigating war criminals, including the problems a Royal Commission might encounter.

As to the attitude of the Australian government, Kaplan told The CJN "the government wants to (conduct an investigation), but they want to avoid the kind of controversy they understand occurred in Canada."

Kaplan said the question of war criminals in Australia is "a matter of interest" to representatives of ECAJ. In meetings with ECAJ leadership prior to meetings with the Australian attorney-general, the Australians expressed interest in the work of the Deschenes Commission, which is investigating the presence in Canada of war criminals.

Unlike the situation in Canada, no numbers of possible war criminals has been mentioned, the former Canadian solicitor-general said, and overall there seems to be a lower level of controversy about Nazi war criminals in Australia than in Canada.

According to the ECAJ report "the Ukrainian community's young leadership was quick to enter the public arena on this issue, with letters to major newspapers as well as the ECAJ, cautioning against the admission of any 'Soviet evidence,' but supporting 'the bringing of war criminals to justice.' "

Similar views were expressed to the ECAJ by representatives of Baltic communities.

Knesset investigation advocated by Peres

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war, you go by the rules of war," said Geula Cohen, a right-wing member of the Knesset.

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In the past week, the scandal has grown still more serious.

• Prime Minister Shimon Peres has endorsed a political probe of the cover-up, saying it should not focus on the operational aspects of the affair.

Peres, saying he was not "accusing anyone on the political level," declared "the accusations must be cleared away and all doubts eliminated."

At present, Shamir stands accused of having participated in the cover-up. Avraham Shalom, in his application for a pardon, stated that all his actions were undertaken "with authority and permission." This can only mean that Shamir was aware of the situation.

Mordechai Gur, the minister of health and a former army chief of staff, has called on Shamir to resign. This marks the first time since the current government was formed that a Labor minister has asked for Shamir's resignation.

Shamir, for his part, says he has "a clear conscience." Denying all charges leveled against him, Shamir has told an interviewer that he did not approve of the killings of the Palestinians, did not take part in a cover-up, and only found out about the affair eight months ago.

In a speech, Shamir described the charges "cynical and politically motivated lies."

Shamir and his Likud colleagues have portrayed calls by Labor for an investigation as unpatriotic, insulting to the President and designed solely to upset the national unity coalition agreement, which stipulates that Shamir (now Vice-Premier and foreign minister) and Peres switch jobs in October.

All 10 Likud ministers in the cabinet oppose an inquiry, as do the religious parties. Together, Likud and the religious bloc can muster a majority in parliament.

Most members of the Labor Party favor an investigation, though Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev have reservations based on security grounds.

Being sharply divided, the cabinet has taken no stand so far. Shamir has said that if the cabinet decides on an inquiry, he will support the decision and "say what I have to say."

Right now, however, it is difficult to see how the issue can be resolved within cabinet.

• The scandal took on a graver cast when the Supreme Court, after two days of hearings, gave the government two weeks to show why it should not proceed with an investigation.

The court also ordered the government and Avraham Shalom to present full details of the exoneration he and his aides received in the form of a presidential pardon.

The justices acted on complaints by petitioners, mainly lawyers and law professors, who challenged the validity of Herzog's decision.

The Supreme Court has thus forced the shaky government, which is already torn by political disputes relating to peace in the Middle East, to grapple with the hottest issue Israel has faced since the Lavon Affair of the 1950s and 1960s.

The Lavon Affair, which also revolved around state security, led to the resignation of David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister, and embittered Israel's political climate for years.

The question is: will the Shin Bet Affair be as damaging to Israel?

Press Council's decision brings reaction

Complaint on Soviet evidence article upheld

By
PAUL LUNGEN
TORONTO —

A recent Ontario Press Council adjudication that stated an opinion piece in the Toronto Star lent "undue credibility to the quality of Soviet evidence" has come under fire from spokesmen from Jewish organizations.

The Council upheld one aspect of a complaint brought by Dr. Stephen Hladkyj, a Toronto dentist of Ukrainian origin, who contended the Star was inaccurate in saying "Soviet evidence has been used by West Germany and the U.S. and not once has there been a single example of a forged document or perjured witness."

In upholding the complaint, the ruling said "the Star conveyed the erroneous impression of equating 'admissibility' of Soviet evidence with the absence of forgery and perjury, lending undue credibility to the quality of Soviet evidence."

(In other words, the Council found that saying Soviet-supplied evidence had been ruled *admissible* does not guarantee it is not forged or perjured.)

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, stated "anyone truly knowledgeable would recognize the article was entirely correct in both letter and spirit."

Littman said cases examined by the Council which deal with evidence supplied by the Soviets suggest "a generalized mistrust of the Soviet Union," but no examples of forgery or perjury.

But in its adjudication, the Council noted the complainant "relied on evidence to the (Deschenes) Commission by Bohdana Dutka of Winnipeg who cited four U.S. deportation cases in which Soviet evidence was used and found wanting for various reasons such as: distortion or fabrication, procedural irregularities and evidence which proved inaccurate."

David Matas, counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, said the salient case cited by Dutka — the U.S. versus Juezas Kyngys — showed "there was no proof of falsehood" in the Soviet-supplied evidence.

In fact, that evidence was corroborated by other sources, he said.

Dutka's description of the case is a misinterpretation of the decision and is "quite common for those who criticize Soviet evidence," Matas stated. The contention that Soviet-supplied evidence is unreliable "is contrary to everything decided by American courts and internationally," he added.

Littman noted that Justice Jules Deschenes, who heads an inquiry into Nazi war criminals in Canada, studied the American Linnas case which found "defence witnesses were unable to cite any instance in which falsified, forged or otherwise fraudulent evidence has been supplied by the Soviet Union to a court or other governmental authority...We find that defendant's defence by innuendo is without any merit."

Fraser MacDougall, executive secretary of the Council, had another interpretation of the adjudication. Despite the Council's finding of "undue credibility to the quality of Soviet evidence," the decision does not attempt to determine whether Soviet-supplied evidence is forged or perjured, he said.

MacDougall told The CJN the decision merely determined that the evidence cited by the Star in its article — a statement attributed to Deschenes that deals with the admissibility of Soviet-supplied evidence — does not support the story's claim that no such evidence has been forged or perjured.

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By
MIRIAM HERMAN

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Sunday, July 13

HILLEL/JSU BARBECUE

Hillel/Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto invites you to a barbecue on Sunday, July 13 (weather permitting). Meet at the ferry docks at Ward's Island at 4 p.m. Bring baseball equipment, frisbees and such.

Cost of $2 members, $3 non-members includes all food. For further information, call 923-9861.

CARILLON RECITAL

On Sunday, July 13, the recital at Soldiers' Tower Carillon, University of Toronto, Hart House Circle, features the Olsen Nauen transportable carillon with university carillonneur **Sydney Shep** and national carillonist of New Zealand **Timothy Hurd**. The time is 7.30-8.30 p.m. Concert is free.

Monday, July 14

ABOUT FREE TRADE WITH THE U.S.

The Business and Professional Women's group of Toronto Women's ORT announces that **Robert White**, president of Canadian Auto Workers, will speak at the next meeting on Monday, July 14, at 5.30 p.m. at the Brownstone Hotel, 15 Charles St. E. (2 blocks south of Bloor on Yonge). He will address the issue, The Implications of Free Trade with the U.S. — Should the U.S. Drink Canada Dry?

Please reserve by calling **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office at 787-0339.

Tuesday, July 15

JUDAICA SHOP SALE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is having a renovation sale of Judaica shop inventory on Tuesday, July 15, and Wednesday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Don't miss this golden opportunity! There will be bargains galore! You'll be back for more!

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Aluma, Canadian Israeli Club, is presenting the movie, For Those We Love, on Tuesday, July 15, at 7.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For information, call **Ephraim Dloomy** at 449-7836.

And What Else Is New...

JIS DIRECTORS MEET

Directors from six Jewish Information Services met recently in Baltimore to discuss the development of a national network of information and referral services. The cities represented were Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Miami, New York and Toronto (represented by director **Joel Verbin**). They were in Baltimore for an AIRS (Alliance of Information and Referral Services) convention.

In all, there are 10 Jewish Information and Referral Services. The purpose of each group is to link a person who calls with a question or concern to the appropriate resources in the Jewish community that can help with that concern.

By forming a national network, the individual information and referral services will be able to help not only with local resources, but also assist callers who need to gain access to resources in other cities. Areas might include relocation, assistance for relatives living elsewhere, travel plans, schools or congregations.

JIS in Toronto can be reached by calling 635-5600.

JEWISH THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Jewish Theatrical Productions is looking for company members able to assist in performing for its production of Fiddler on the Roof slated for next April, plus choreographers, musicians and a musical director as well.

In addition, general company members interested in all aspects of theatre — makeup, wardrobe, set and scenery — are needed for The Sunshine Boys (Sept. 14, 21 and 28) and also Fiddler. No experience is necessary.

A 1-woman show, Chana Sennesh, is planned for September, 1987. Subscription series tickets for the three productions are available.

If you are interested in joining the company or in series tickets, call **Reva Lawry** at 445-8718.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, accompanied by pianist **Elaine Duff**, will be performing on Monday, July 14, at 2 p.m. at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumac St., and on Wednesday, July 16, at 2 p.m. at Central Park Lodge, 303 Queen's Dr.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 10-11.30 a.m. Join in the fun! By the way, a drummer is needed (the group has the drum).

For information about the group, call 222-7422 or 222-0655.

LUNCHTIME SLIDE SHOW

Lunchtime is for lovers of American pottery! During July and August, special lunchtime slide show/tours are being offered at the George R. Gardner Museum of Ceramic Art, 111 Queen's Park, to celebrate its summer feature exhibit, New Vistas: American Art Pottery 1880-1930.

It is 40 minutes of lunchtime fun for only $4.50 general admission, $3.50 seniors, students and children, so take a break from work or shopping, bring your own lunch and eat it while you enjoy a 20-minute slide show on the American art pottery movement, followed by a tour of the exhibition.

Slide show/tours begin promptly at 12.10, 12.40 and 1.10 p.m. on Tuesdays through to Aug. 12 and Thursdays through to Aug. 14. Sunday presentations are at 2 p.m. only through to Aug. 10.

Tours are limited to 20. No reservations are required. For further information, call **Margaret Blackwood** at 593-9300.

STORYBOOK PARADE SEE & SING

On Tuesday mornings from 11-11.30, Don Mills Library invites children ages 5 and under and their parents to have some fun together as they hear stories, watch films and sing silly songs. Babies and toddlers are welcome.

The programs run through to Aug. 26. They are free and no registration is necessary.

The library is located at 888 Lawrence Ave. E. (west of Don Mills Rd.).

HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is looking for dependable, organized volunteers to staff a professional office ½-day a week during the summer months. Responsibilities are varied and interesting, including answering phone enquiries, recording donation information and photocopying — no two days are alike.

The office is located at Yonge and Drewry. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

PNAI UPDATE

The PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis Inc.) convention held in Toronto recently was attended by 200 people from Canada and the U.S. A video was taken of some of the proceedings including the speech of the national president **Sylvia Weissman** and an interview with the founder **Naham Weissman** of New York.

The organization began 12 years ago with three couples meeting in the Weissman home. There are now 43 chapters across Canada and the U.S. with a membership of approximately 7,000 parents.

A picnic is coming up Sunday, July 27, at Niagara Glen (Canadian side) for chapters from Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse in addition to Toronto. Some Israeli children visiting their parents will be attending. For details, contact Toronto chapter president **Bernard Rubin** at 633-7192.

CAMP KADIMA/USY 1986

Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth presents its annual 1-week encampment Aug. 21-28 at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont. This year's camp chairmen are **Jody Caplan** of Adath Israel Synagogue and **Tom Markus** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

The week will include a full water and land sports program, huggim including folksinging, kipot-making and drama, daily tefillot, kosher meals, and interesting discussion groups on the theme Israel, Past, Present and Future.

Camp is open to everyone in grades 5-13. One cost includes everything — return transportation from Toronto, all meals, program materials and staff. If you would like more information, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, at 789-0579.

SUMMER LUNCH BREAK SERIES

The Summer Lunch Break Series in the courtyard of the Manulife Centre at Bay and Bloor continues on Tuesday, July 15, with Wearable Art by **Liz Greisman** (hats) and **Esther Szegedy** (sweatshirts, T-shirts, dresses and shorts); on Wednesday, July 16, with country blues singer **DeDe Higgins** and her band, The Good Guys, and on Thursday, July 17, with Toy Maker and Art for Children with **Elaine McMartin** and **Rowesa Gordon**. It all takes place from noon to 2 p.m. There is no charge.

singles

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The **North Y Singles 20s & 30s** and the physical education department invite you to a tennis, barbecue and pool party on Saturday, July 19. Tickets at the door are $8 JCC members, $10

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ENTEBBE ANNIVERSARY

At a recent reception marking the 10th anniversary of the Israeli rescue mission in Entebbe, the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital gathered to meet Dr. Eran Dolev, medical commander of the rescue team. From left are Emil Kohl of the Galicianer Society, which donated $5,000 to the hospital; Dr. Benjamin Fisher, a founder of the Canadian Friends; Philip Covshoff, treasurer; Jerry Blitzer and Pearl Grundland, secretary. [Paul Lungen photo]

GRADUATION BANQUET

At the recent graduation banquet of the Associated Hebrew Schools, Leora Erez (left), a grade 9 student, presented Carol Baratz, on behalf of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, with a check for $1,800 which students raised at their Bowlathon. Also at the presentation are teachers of the junior high school (from left) Saul Morganstein, Rabbi Pinchus Brumer and Joseph H. Rosenfeld. [Graphic Artists photo]

NEW RABBI

K'hal Adath Jeshurun of Paramus, NJ held a welcoming dinner recently for Rabbi Yechezkel Zweig who is assuming his position as spiritual leader of the congregation this summer when he and his wife Malka and seven children move to Paramus. Rabbi Zweig was rabbi of Beth Tefilah Congregation in London, Ont., for six years.

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non-members. Tickets purchased prior to July 14 are $6 members, $8 non-members. Tennis begins at 7 p.m., barbecue at 9. There will be lots to do on this full-packed evening. For more information, call **Liz** or **Leora** at 636-1880.

A summer soiree is set for Saturday, July 12, at 8 p.m. at The Parkview Club, 1105 Leslie St. (adjacent to the Inn on the Park, northeast parking lot). The outdoor patio will be available for dancing and cozy conversation. Light refreshments will be served. Cover charge is $8 men, $7 women. Call **High Society** at 446-1394.

JCC Valley Singles Centre round robin tennis and dance party is set for Sunday, July 13. Sign up for tennis by 7 p.m. (bring your own tennis equipment). Dance follows at 9, complete with disc jockey and refreshments. Charge is $4 members, $6 non-members. For more information, call 889-0813.

Young Professionals Club (25-45) invites all singles and single parents to attend the next house party on Saturday, July 12, at 8.30 p.m. at 1 Fountainhead Rd., Suite 1707 (1 block north of Finch at Sentinel Ave.). Admission is $2.99, refreshments included. For information, call **Sheldon** at 783-7666.

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Tribute to Montrealers singles party at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave. (2 blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge) on Tuesday, July 15, at 8.30 p.m. Door prize is a dinner for two. Cover charge is $6. Also, bookings are being accepted for the Clevelands House singles weekend. Call **Sid** at 222-7111.

at the jcc

Couples Over 40 invites you to the first event presented by the new committee — a July Fest barbecue and swim party and dance. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends. Lockers and showers will be available. Bring bathing suits, shower and join in for dinner and dance. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19. Swim is at 6.30 p.m., dinner and dance at 7.30. It all takes place at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Charge is $15 per couple. RSVP by calling **Ruth Cooper** at 225-2531.....The Couples Over 40 new committee includes **Irv and Ruth Cooper, Allan and Sylvia Barker, Manny and Eleanor Farkas, Bernie and Sue Fuller, Jack and Lynn Stern** and **Tommy and Freda Weiss**. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

for seniors

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The **JCC Singers**, a choir of seniors affiliated with the Jewish Community Centre, continues its good work entertaining seniors. The next performance is at Baycrest Hospital on Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Seniors who want to add singing to their leisure as a rewarding and satisfying activity, may join the group by coming to rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221 at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., where they will be trained by musical director **Esther Ghan-Firestone** with **Sara Barkin-Sandler** at the piano. It must be experienced to understand what delight and satisfaction it gives to sing for seniors in homes and hospitals. For bookings and enquiries phone the president **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

At the **Wagman Centre**, the Sam and Mary Harris Music Room annual concert will take place on Tuesday, July 15, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the assembly and dining rooms. Concert features violinist **Jin Pak**, a classical repertoire by pianist **Mildred Bennett** and folksongs by singer **Faigel Gartner** with **Ruth Slater** as accompanist. Refreshments will follow.....The Baywalkers summer outing on Wednesday, July 16, is at Ontario Place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone **Maggie Smith** at 789-5131, ext. 2341, for more information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is having a bazaar and rummage sale on Sunday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be lots of new items — jeans, ties, dresses, blouses, jewelry — plus good clean rummage — men's, women's, children's clothing, household items. Come early for bargains galore. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is located in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.....A nutritionist will resume classes every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m.....Come out on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 for the line and ballroom dancing with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin**. There is no charge.

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. Light lunches are available. Members have a pleasant afternoon of chess, shuffleboard and cards.....The next luncheon meeting takes place on Tuesday, July 15, at 11.30 a.m. with guest speaker **Prof. Gershon Winer**, formerly of Toronto and now at Bar-Ilan University (Yiddish Chair). A special program is planned and there will be a presentation to an honored guest.....Shuffleboard is also available every Tuesday evening at 7. All those interested in entering the shuffleboard tournament, contact the club at 633-8579.....The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday morning at 10 for interesting lectures and discussions.....On July 20, the special bus of club members will depart for a 6-day, 5-night stay at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills, everything included. A few seats are still available. For information, call **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059.

Dance to the music of **Ben Berens** Band at Earl Bales Community Centre on Saturday, July 12, from 8-11 p.m. Admission is $3 single, $5 couple. Dance is sponsored by **Court Ahavas Achem**, a Jewish lodge of Independent Order of Foresters (IOF). All proceeds will go to charity.

The next session of 60 and Holding begins at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., on Monday, July 14, at 7.30 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 15, at 9.30 a.m. This nutritional counseling and weight reduction program is geared to both men and women, 55 years and over. Group sessions are led by a fully-qualified professional dietition. The program runs for eight weeks at a cost of $20 Wagman Centre members, $30 non-members. For information call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2272.

Beth Sholom Seniors meet on Wednesday, July 16, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Admission is $1 members, $2 non-members. For information, call publicity chairman **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Stepping Stones to a Creative Way of Life lecture series continues on Tuesday, July 15, with Leisure — Time a plus - time a minus - it depends on you! with educator **Debby Vigoda**. The time is 1.30-3 p.m. and the charge is 50c members, $1 non-members. Coffee will be served.

The Sunday afternoon program on July 13 features the movie A Passage to India, an award-winning film of the days of Britain's glory in India.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) series on The Rise of Fundamentalism with **Prof. Earl Reidy** continues on Tuesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for seniors. Non-seniors and non-members are charged $2.

The LLI seminar on Thursday, July 17, deals with Can Israel Compete in the World of Science and Technology? Lecturer is **Emanuel Shimoni**, executive director, Canadian Technion Society. The time is 1.30-2.30 p.m. There is no charge.

The Literary Luncheon on Monday, July 21, features award-winning writer **Timothy Findley**, author of Not Wanted on the Voyage. The time is 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the rear auditorium. Charge is $4 members, $5 guests. Pre-registration is necessary.

About People

ADATH ISRAEL BOARD INSTALLED

The officers and board members of Adath Israel Congregation were installed during morning services on Shabbat Shavuot. The officers for 1986-88 are **Morris Baker**, president; **Morris Adams**, 1st vice-president and chairman of the board; **Alan Applebaum**, 2nd vice-president; **Ron Hoffman**, treasurer, and **John Zeiler**, secretary.

There are 20 board members plus the sisterhood and brotherhood presidents, **Pnina Spetgang** and **Ben Clemens**.

CANTOR IN TRAINING

Former martial artist-interpreter-marketing analyst **Steve Chaiet** has always wanted to be a cantor, and having received an honors BA degree in Jewish studies from the University of Toronto's Woodsworth College recently, he is well on the way.

The 33-year-old tenor soloist, who currently is a member of the Beth Sholom Synagogue Choir and is under the tutelage of **Cantor David Bagley**, has been singing at synagogues since he was a youngster of 8, when he was part of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Choir.

Following high school, he worked for a number of years in marketing. And then in 1973 he took a business and administration course at York University as well as East Asian studies where he learned Chinese (Mandarin), hence the career as an interpreter.

In 1982 Steve enroled at the U of T and in his fourth year managed to take half of the preparatory classes for the MA program in Jewish studies which he plans to begin in 1988.

He is presently giving full time to cantorial activities. In addition to studying with Cantor Bagely, he also attends Kollel Avreichem.

LONDON BONDS DINNER

Writer-lecturer **Howard Stone** was guest speaker and **Marvin Shore** was dinner chairman at the recent London city-wide dinner held at Or Shalom Synagogue at which tribute was paid to all past chairmen of London State of Israel Bonds.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to honorees **Dr. Avinoam Chernick, Nathan Fox, Louis Kirshenbaum, Jack Lesser, Herbert Perlmutter, William Rotman, David Rottman, Maurice Seigel, Dr. Leonard Shankman, Harry Silverstein, Syd Vaisler,** current associate chairman **Ralph Waldman**, current chairman **David Klein, Rose Fox, Fannie Goose, Arlene Kirshenbaum, Sharon Newman, Nettie Shankman, Cecile Shore, Dolly Vaisler and Edith Valo.**

ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The recent membership meeting hosted by **Adele and Bill Rotenberg** and **Nancy and Shep Gangbar** (picture appeared in June 26 issue) was

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SHAVUOTH CELEBRATION

United Synagogue Day School students celebrated Shavuoth with a Bikkurim celebration under the direction of Lola Bar Lewaw and Shoshana Rotenberg. From left are Jodi Panzer, Rebecca Spring and Evan Minsky. [David Smiley photo]

SPECIAL CEREMONY

Because Hamilton's Mayor Robert M. Morrow was unable to attend the recent Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner honoring Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander, a special ceremony was held in the mayor's office to present a citation from the City of Hamilton. Participating in the ceremony are (from left) Col. Yehoshua Bar-Am, Keren Kayemeth L'Israel representative; Alexander, Mayor Morrow, and Sheldon Frank, president, JNF Hamilton Council. [Steven Williams photo]

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Organizations and People

Dedication, rich past motivate retired Israeli MD

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — It was 1937, a young man and a girl were the only Jewish medical students left in Germany. They were preparing for their final exams at Heidelberg University, tolerated by the faculty — except for "one rather unpleasant pathologist who was known as a Nazi" — but otherwise completely isolated, although the young man's friends would visit him secretly.

They were denied their degrees but given certificates, which enabled the young man to obtain his MD in Switzerland.

Dr. Eliyahu Lehmann, who now lives in Beersheba, visited the McMaster University Medical Centre recently. Retired since 1980, he still works part-time and is using part of a sabbatical to do some private research.

A sturdy man with a graying beard and lively dark eyes behind glasses, he protests that, really, there's nothing much to tell. His modesty is genuine and his sense of humor the dry, English kind.

It was because his father had served in World War I that he was allowed to carry on with his studies, Lehmann believes. He was not permitted to participate in sports but keen on sports, his solution was to take a 2-year sports instructor's course. It proved useful when, later in Palestine, his only means of earning a living was as a sports instructor.

He had reached Palestine in 1938 and was immediately recruited into the Haganah. At night, while watching over the roofs of Jerusalem, he learned English, and he also did his post-graduate training working part-time, without pay, as assistant to a surgeon.

In 1941 Lehmann joined the British 8th Army, serving as a medical officer in the western desert, and in 1948, during the siege of Jerusalem, he worked in a hospital emergency ward until his posting to Haifa to open a military hospital.

Tired of the army, although "they wanted to keep me," he moved to Beersheba in 1950, then a tiny town of 4,500, to take charge of a new hospital. He has remained there since, working at the Soroka Medical Centre, the medical school at Ben-Gurion University since it opened in 1974 and as a visiting consultant to the new development towns within a 50-mile radius of Beersheba.

Family medicine tour

He believes that "the family physician who knows the patient from the cradle to the grave" provides the best primary care. It is this view that brought him on his current visit to North America, first to the University of Carolina medical school and then to McMaster, to study the programs for the training of specialists in family medicine.

In Israel, Lehmann explained, there's a growing trend to train specialists such as internists, obstetricians and pediatricians in primary care. He's not happy about it and wanted to see what others are doing.

Ironically, he's an internist himself but his father was "the ideal family physician."

That was in the little town of Benzheim-an-der-Bergstrasse, between Frankfurt and Heidelberg, and it's only at the very end of the interview that he gives an inkling of the regard in which his father must have been held.

Jewish doctors were among the first to suffer under the Nazis and his parents had left for Palestine in 1936 (his brother, a chemist, had left for England in 1933). Although "it sounds nearly incredible, in that little town, nobody ever did anything to my father, Lehmann said.

"After the war, they contacted me and asked if my father would accept an award." The townspeople had been afraid to ask Lehmann's father himself "and I wrote to them that he would accept and told my father afterwards."

Whether by coincidence or by design, it was on his parents' diamond wedding anniversary that a delegation arrived in Israel to present the award . . . "and in the little town of Benzheim there is now a street named after my father."

ROYAL VISIT

Captain Mark Philips, (right) husband of Princess Anne, walks through Village Square, a specialty theme mall in Burlington with the developer Jack Friedman and his wife Helen. Capt. Phillips was the guest of Daks Canada and Scrivener's Clothier Ltd., a retailer in Village Square, where he met with members of the Equestrian Association for the Disabled. [Debra Friedman photo]

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for the Israel Cancer Research Fund and guest speaker **Dr. Aaron Malkin** is a member of the ICRF scientific advisory board. The picture cutline was incorrect. Sorry!

WINDSOR JCC PRESIDENT

Richard Rosenthal was elected president of the Windsor Jewish Community Council at the recent annual meeting, suceeding **Harold M. Taub.**

Richard Rosenthal

Mr. Rosenthal, who is currently completing the MBA program at the University of Windsor, is president and general manager of Summer Press. He has had a long and varied experience in community service which includes involvement in the Hospice of Windsor, B'nai B'rith United Way, Windsor Chamber of Commerce, Windsor Symphony Society, University of Windsor, Congregation Beth El, United Israel Appeal and Windsor-Roseland Rotary Club.

Also elected were **Alan Orman,** 1st vice-president; **Jerry Alexis,** 2nd vice-president; **Harriet Whiteman,** 3rd vice-president; **Ted Hochberg,** treasurer, and **Barbara Stein,** secretary.

YIDDISH LIBRARY

Bar-Ilan University is making a presentation to **Louis Lasowsky** and his wife **Dr. Rose Bronstein** at a luncheon on Tuesday, July 15, at noon, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., in honor of the Lasowsky-Bronstein Yiddish Library they established at the university in Ramat Gan, Israel. Call 630-9444 or 635-1966 for information.

HONORED FOR RESEARCH

Emmanuel Farber, professor of pathology and biochemistry at the University of Toronto, has been selected to receive the 1986 Eastman Kodak Award of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry. The award is in recognition of his original research contributions to the field of chemical carcinogenesis.

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It is to be presented at the annual meeting in Chicago this month, in association with a lecture at a symposium on the Biochemistry and Biology of Cancer.

Prof. Farber also presented the William Boyd Lecture at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Pathologists in Kingston recently.

A $40,000 PRIZE

Dr. Aser Rothstein of the Hospital for Sick Children was among five Canadian winners of the 1986 Gairdner Foundation international awards honoring outstanding contributions to medical science.

Dr. Rothstein

Dr. Rothstein won the $40,000 Wightman award for contributions to research through "his scientific discoveries, his leadership . . . his influence on science policy and scientific standards."

The other Canadians were **Dr. Harold Sonnenberg** of the University of Toronto, **Drs. Adolfo de Bold** and **Thomas Flynn** of Queen's University and **Dr. Michael Smith** of the University of British Columbia, each of whom was awarded $20,000.

The Toronto-based foundation was created in 1957 and has honored 184 scientists, of whom 27 later received Nobel Prizes.

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Hardworking Leona Finkler expects excellence

One of the nine Women of Valor honored recently by State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division, was Leona Finkler, who is profiled here. This is the 8th in a series on the honorees.

* * *

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

In her driving passion to get things done and get them done right, Leona Finkler keeps reminding herself of Theodor Herzl's motto, if you will it, it is real. For almost 40 years now, Leona, together with her husband Arnold, has done a lot of willing for the Jewish community.

One gets that feeling in the Finklers' house. There's hardly any room on the walls or the furniture for more awards, certificates of accomplishment and gratitude, photographs with famous people and kudos from almost every Jewish organization in Canada.

As half of the formidable Finkler Team, as she calls it, Leona says she's "basically a perfectionist. Unless I give all of myself, I feel I haven't done it right. And I expect excellence too. That can be difficult."

In her involvement, Finkler seems to have an affinity for the letter B: She holds or has held positions within Bar-Ilan University, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Bonds and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

She can also list four decades of activity in Hadassah-WIZO, Jewish National Fund and United Jewish Appeal. Her work has earned her an entry in the Who's Who of World Jewry. Outside the Jewish community, she's done volunteer work for the Canadian Cancer Society, the Salvation Army and the United Way.

Leona's undiminished energy and cheerful demeanor are all the more remarkable considering what she's been through in her life. "I've said it before and I'll say it again," she told The CJN. "I've seen everything in my life. I've seen the depths of human degradation and man's capacity to endure. And I've also seen Israel. I've experienced a lot of sorrow and a lot of joy."

Born in Plock, Poland, Leona relates how her education was interrupted by World War II, in the course of which she was interned in eight concentration camps, including Auschwitz. Eighty members of her family perished at Treblinka.

She had been married before, to a prominent physician killed at Auschwitz. In one of her life's bittersweet ironies, she later married her current husband, who had been one of her first husband's patients.

Following the war, to the disbelief of her surviving family and friends, Leona returned to Poland to attend university. Widespread pogroms in her homeland in late 1945 pushed Leona to Germany, where she worked for Aliya Bet, a clandestine Zionist organization which spirited Jews to Palestine.

The Finklers immigrated to Canada in 1948 and immediately plunged into communal work.

The couple had two daughters, Pat and Marilyn. Eleven years ago, cancer claimed Marilyn at age 19.

"The pain isn't any less," says Leona, emotion choking her words. "But somehow we've been able to transcend the sorrow and translate her death into something beautiful." There's a picture in the Finklers' living room of Marilyn chatting with Golda Meir. Marilyn had been active in Soviet Jewry, having once chained herself to the gates of the Soviet embassy and getting arrested.

Her daughter's death put Leona's activities on hold for a few years but after emerging from her shell, she and her husband have gone on to establish the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre at Bar-Ilan University, where both Finklers are members of the international board of trustees and Leona is national president of the Canadian Friends of the school. "It's the most important thing we've ever done," she says. "Bar-Ilan has developed early cancer detection and location methods. We are so convinced that what they do will bring hope to humanity."

In recognition of her work for Bar-Ilan, the university recently honored Leona at a dinner in Toronto, where she was presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters degree from chancellor Emanuel Rochman. She says the affair was "the most stirring experience of my life." Her husband received the same honor four years ago. "Now when people phone the house and ask for Dr. Finkler, my husband says 'Which one?' " Leona chuckles.

Almost every year, the Finklers make a pilgrimage to Israel. This year, it's to celebrate the bar mitzvah of their grandson at the Western Wall.

"I believe every institution in Israel is important and we should do everything to assist them. But for me, no more leadership. I'll be a soldier but not a general."

Leona admits to being a bit tired these days. She's a past president of Baycrest's Women's Auxiliary, a member of the prestigious Prime Minister's Club in Bonds, an honorary vice-president of JNF and the couple are elder statesmen at Beth Tikvah, which she unabashedly calls "the most vibrant congregation in Toronto."

Much of her philosophy of communal involvement, she says, was passed to her from her mother. In that vein, Leona has passed the torch to her daughter, Pat Friedland, who is president-elect of Baycrest's auxiliary and has her own Hadassah chapter. The Finklers' two grandway up by stuffing evelopes.

Leona likes to tell the story of how she came to be reunited with her sister.

In 1966, someone came to tell the Finklers of a woman fitting Leona's sister's description, living in the Soviet Union.

"We went to the local Communist Party here and sifted through a mountain of newspapers and documents. We learned she lived in Gomel," a town in the Russian republic.

"For days, we tried to call but in those days you just couldn't get through. Every time the Moscow operator heard we were calling from Canada, she hung up.

"I had an idea. When the Moscow operator picked up the line, I shouted, 'Hitler killed my family. The Soviet Union saved my sister!"

Within minutes, Leona was talking to her sister, Irene Goldkorn. They had been separated for 27 years.

Leona won't say how, but the following year, her sister and brother-in-law left the Soviet Union and today live in Toronto.

Leona Finkler

"I wanted it," she allows. "If you really want it, it can happen."

As for her Doctor of Humane Letters title, Leona waves her hand. "It's more a Doctor of Menschlichkeit degree," she says. "You can't study for that. You either have it or you don't. I hope in some measure, I have it."

Diabetes draw offers travel prize

TORONTO —

A $5,000 travel voucher is the prize in the July 31 early bird draw for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation raffle series. First prize in the draw, Nov. 27, is a Rolls Royce Silver Spirit or $120,000 in cash.

To qualify for the July 31 draw, tickets must be purchased by 6 p.m. July 29. They are valid for subsequent draws: a new Saab or $15,000, Oct. 7; a $10,000 prize or cash, Nov. 4; and the Nov. 27 gala draw. Other prizes in the latter draw are a new Jaguar XJS or $35,000, and 20 prizes of $1,000 each.

Tickets, $100 each, are available through the local JDF office at (416) 224-2633 during business hours.

The travel voucher, which may be used until July 31, 1987, for travel arrangements anywhere in the world, is provided by Corson Travel Service.

BB Hungarian lodge looking for members

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith's Hungarian lodge is appealing to Toronto Jews of Hungarian extraction to join.

Eugene Jacob, president of the Theodor Herzl lodge, says 75 members are needed so the group can become a chartered lodge of B'nai B'nai Canada. So far, there are only eight fulltime members.

The lodge, launched last December, currently features social gatherings and guest speakers. A dance last May drew a large crowd but many Jews of Hungarian background seem disinclined to join, Jacob says.

The lodge would stress the need for involvement by second generation Hungarian-Canadians, he added, and would emphasize Jewish continuity.

Call Denise Bagley at 633-6224 for more information.

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B'nai B'rith's Russian lodge has been invited to North York City Hall for a special meeting with Mayor Mel Lastman on July 15 at 7 p.m.

Lastman called the lodge to a meeting to discuss Soviet Jewry, one of the mayor's personal involvements, says lodge president Sasha Bimman.

There will be a question and answer session following the meeting, in which Lastman will field queries from the public and the press.

The Shalom Aleichem lodge, which needs 50 members for a charter, has 37 members on its roster, many of them recent Soviet immigrants.

(BB says the amount of members needed for a charter is based on the size of a given community).

Begun in April, 1985, the lodge helps Jews who manage to emigrate from the Soviet Union settle in Canada.

Bimman says the lodge is now working on a Russian art show, to be displayed in North York this October.

The exhibit will showcase the work of an art collective called Kroochok, which comprises some 100 Russian artists living in Toronto.

Bimman may be reached at 865-9961.

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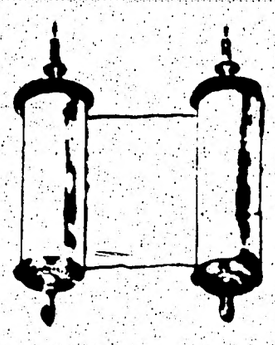

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Korach

It's not easy leading Jews. You have to hold your temper.

Moses was confronted by Korach, Dathan and Aviram. "Why do you raise yourself over the congregation of the Lord?" they demanded.

"Vayichar liMoshe mi'od" — Moses was filled with wrath! He burned with anger, ka'as. . . .

But it takes a Moses to know how to become angry, and when, and with what measure.

They say that the saintly Reb Yitzchak of Vurka used to have a special coat that he wore for anger. When he felt himself growing angry, he went to fetch his "broigez (anger) coat" — and in the meantime, calmed down.

The Tzemach Tzedeck of Lubavitch had another panacea to cope with anger. He said: "Didn't the rabbis teach that whoever loses his temper is as though he served idols!"

So when he felt himself growing angry, he ordered they bring him a Yoreh Deah (portion of the Jewish Code of Law) to study the law if it is permissible to grow angry under the circumstances! By the time he finished studying the halacha — his anger has subsided. . . .

* * *

Anger blows up our blood pressure, makes us lose our selves, our dignity, our friends.

Korach started a great dispute against Moses. "Vayikach Korach — And Korach took!"

Strange word, "vayikach — and Korach took!" What did he take? Shouldn't it have said clearer — "and Korach fought . . . and Korach argued? Why "take?"

But — teaches the Ohaiv Yisrael — there is not a Jew, even the holiest, who does have a bit of bad also. On the other hand, there is no Jew who is such a rasha that he does not have a little good. No one is totally bad.

When a wicked person, though, opens up an arrogant, chutzpah mouth against a righteous person — he takes away the little bit of bad the righteous person has, and it becomes part of him! While the holy person, in compensation for his suffering, takes the little bit of good of the wicked — and makes it part of himself.

Vayikach Korach, Korach took! Vi'itpaleig Korach, Korach separated! What did he take, what did he separate? He took Moses's little bit of faults, and gave Moses his portion of good.

Bad was on one side. Good was on the other. No gray.

Every Jew has good, every Jew has bad. We must look for the bad — but only in ourselves, and improve on it. We must see the good — in others, and admire and learn from it.

Every Jew is holy.

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We have to see the good.

The Chidushei Hareem once visited the home of a wealthy Jew who was sitting down to a sumptious meal. The Jew was not known for his overpiety.

"Bitaiovon — with a hearty appetite," the Chidushei Hareem blessed him.

"If the rabbi would know that this food is not that kosher, he wouldn't have blessed me so heartily 'bitaiovon'!" he remarked.

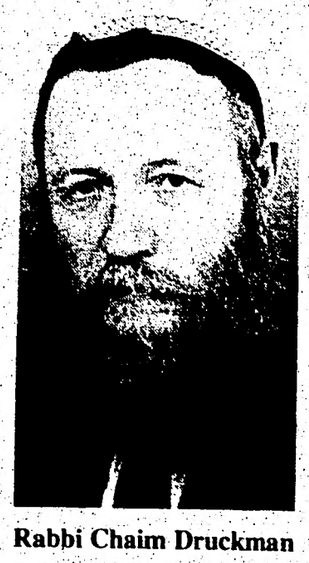
"No, no," answered the saint, "that's why I said that your eating should be "bitaiovon" — with desire; otherwise it might be, God forbid, "lihachis" — eating not kosher just for spite!"

Shabbat Shalom.

MK defends decision

Israeli rabbi backs Shalom pardon

By
MARK DODICK



Rabbi Chaim Druckman

TORONTO — President Chaim Herzog's decision to pardon Shin Bet head Avraham Shalom was correct and necessary for security reasons, a visiting Member of the Knesset says.

Rabbi Chaim Druckman, rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Or Etzion and a founder of the Gush Emunim movement, was here recently as scholar in residence at B'nai Torah Congregation.

In an interview with The CJN, the MK (first elected in 1977 as a representative of the Religious Zionist Party; in 1984 as a member of Morasha, and now building the New United Religious Movement) discussed several major issues and events in Israel.

Druckman defended the pardoning of Shalom, saying it was a very delicate situation and any investigation could cause much harm.

"We must remember that this has to do with terrorists who captured a bus and wanted to murder innocent people. Because of what the Shin Bet has done, Israel has avoided murder.

"It was proved that even those two (terrorists captured alive and later killed) really died from what they got when they were on the bus. There were pathology tests which showed their heads were broken with the butts of rifles. It is true they were taken off alive but they would have died anyway.

"And even if they were beaten afterwards, the two murderers were beaten to get information from them. So I would say anybody who is using his logic will not demand to harm our security because of two murderers."

• On the issue of printing "convert" on the identity cards of new immigrants to Israel, Druckman said he disapproved of the practice.

"This is not the right solution to the problem. The problem is to prove that people who say they are converted will really be converted.

"People who are really converted are real Jews. They do not need special cards.

"In my view everybody who comes from abroad and claims he was converted should have to prove his conversion before a Bet Din. This should apply to everybody, no matter who converted them.

"If you want to have Israel united you have to have a way of conversion that is good for everybody — the halachic way is good for everybody.

• On recent violence between small groups of religious and secular Jews, Druckman said extremists on both sides should be condemned and blamed.

"But still you cannot compare both sides. After trying to burn a shul, and after making a pogrom in the yeshiva in Tel Aviv and a school in Yavniel — to tear holy books!? — It's unbelievable that a Jew could do such a thing.

"This should be a red sign to all of us that we have to extinguish the fire and to emphasize that we are one nation.

"We share the same past. We hope for the same future and we have to live together as brothers despite the fact that on some issues we have different views.

"It has to be stressed that all violence is negative even though the goal is a positive one.

"You are not allowed to take the law into your own hands and do whatever you want. It is against God to burn bus shelters; it doesn't matter what the reason is."

• On accumulating reports that Syria is preparing for war with Israel, Druckman said he was certain that should such a war break out, Israel would win.

"We don't want war, we want peace. Maybe the Syrians are preparing themselves for a war. I hope not. If Syria will attack us I am sure we will be victorious as in all other fights including the Yom Kippur War when Syria surprised us.

• On exchanging the administered terrorities for a peace agreement, Druckman said he was adamantly opposed to any such arrangement.

"Judea and Samaria are the heart of our land. They are an integral part of the State of Israel. Those who want to live in the State of Israel and fulfil their obligations, should get all rights as in a democratic country.

"And those who don't want to live in Israel — we don't force them to do so. There are many, many Arab countries and anybody who wants to live in an Arab country may do so.

"In my view if Judea and Samaria had been annexed to Israel the situation would have been much better because then the Arabs who want to be peaceful with us would know they live in Israel.

"Right now they don't know what the future is going to be, and there are terrorists who threaten them that if they live peacefully they will be killed."

• On frequent calls for Knesset and electoral reforms, Druckman said he saw no need for change.

"The system of election to the Knesset is very good. It should not be changed. It is the only system that gives representation to so many groups, and in a country like Israel where so many people come from so many parts of the world it is important that they be represented.

"From the democratic point of view, it is really democracy; all groups are represented."

Druckman was born in Poland in 1932, fled to Romania during the war and got to Palestine in 1944. He graduated from Yeshivat Mercaz Harav in Jerusalem where he was a student of the rosh yeshiva, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Hacohen Kook.

Druckman served as a member of a Bnei Akiva corps within Nahal, and helped develop the program of combined military service and yeshiva education.

While in the Knesset, the rabbi has served on the foreign affairs and security committee. Druckman and his wife Sarah have nine children.

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An eyeopener for MPP

Women find life in Mideast far from boring

By
—RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

During their 2-week tour of Egypt and Israel, Ontario MPP Susan Fish and Mildred Istona, editor of Chatelaine Magazine, discovered firsthand what both had long suspected: the Middle East is anything but dull.

Fish and Istona, along with 15 other prominent North American women, were in Egypt when U.S warplanes bombed and strafed the Libyan coast. They narrowly missed a devastating Egyptian sandstorm. In Israel, they observed the averting of a political crisis when two cabinet minister swapped jobs and they were in the country just as the battle of the bus shelters was heating up between the Orthodox and secular Jewish factions.

Fish and Istona — both first-time travelers to the Mideast — were two of three Canadian women (the third was Marilyn MacDonald, director of public relations at Dalhousie University) to participate in this year's Jerusalem International Forum, a tour especially for professional North American women.

The participants, 14 from the United States and the three Canadians, represented a wide spectrum of professions: business, government, media, religion, education and social welfare. The purpose of the tour, says coordinator Wendy Litwack of Canadian Jewish Congress's Soviet Jewry Committee, is for women from all high-level walks of life here to spend time with their professional counterparts in Egypt and Israel and inspire dialogue between members of the world's three major monotheistic religions.

Both Fish and Istona admit their whirwind two weeks in one of the world's hottest spots was both fascinating and instructive.

For Fish, the Progressive Conservative MPP for St. George, the experience was an eyeopener.

"What I found in Egypt," she told The CJN in an interview, "was a bitter disappointment with the (1978 Camp David) peace accords with Israel. The Egyptian women we spoke to said Egypt has been isolated in the Arab world. They observed a failure on the part of the United States to step in and they felt Israel exacerbated the problem with the (1982) Lebanese invasion and a number of other violations."

The Egyptian women — politicians, professors and journalists — all felt "changes have to take place in U.S. and Israeli foreign policy" with respect to Egypt's place in the region, Fish said, while almost all expressed alarm at the country's floundering economy.

What struck Fish most about the average person in Egypt and in Israel for that matter, was "how dynamic everyone is. Everyone seems to have an opinion."

Istona agrees: "I was blown over by Egyptian and Israeli women's dynamism and passion. They're not timid about expressing their point of view. No two women journalists I met could agree on anything."

Most of the criticism against the U.S. and Israel in Egypt was directed against the American women, Fish said, making her happy she's Canadian.

One official in Cairo, Mervat Tallawy of the foreign affairs ministry, socked it to the women by charging that American companies operating in Egypt discriminate against women and she urged the tour members to pressure the U.S. corporations to change their ways, Istona recalled.

A journalist in Cairo, Injy Roshdy, challenged the significance of Jerusalem in the tour sponsor's name, while Laila Takla, Egypt's representative at the UN, chided the Americans for their pro-Israel bias and expressed Egypt's disappointment with the peace accords.

Egypt's population seemed to be a major concern, Fish noted, as the country is growing by 1 million people every nine months.

On the tour's last day in Egypt, the United States attacked Libya and "tensions were enormously high," Fish said. The plane to Israel took off while passengers were still standing, leaving behind a fierce sandstorm.

Mildred Istona

Susan Fish

In Israel, the women met with Pnina Herzog, sister-in-law of Israeli President Chaim Herzog, with Vivian Dinitz, wife of Labor MK and former UN ambassador Simcha Dinitz and with Ruth Dayan, Moshe Dayan's first wife, among other prominent women.

Most of the emphasis in Israel, Istona noted, was on the need to speed up and simplify divorces, mainly by removing divorce from the jurisdiction of the religious courts, which almost always favor the husband.

Interestingly, however, both Fish and Istona say they did not perceive a noticeable backlash against religion and religious institutions in Israel, despite the recent violence between Orthodox and secular Jews.

"If anything," Fish says, "the move was to strengthen rabbinic authority and expand the scope of religious activity."

The women did, however, get a taste of religious confrontation: they saw the posters displaying women in revealing swimsuits ripped off bus shelters and were in the country when the issue of whether to follow summer time came to a boil.

"The activity seemed to be from the Conservative and Orthodox camps," Istona says.

But the status of women did not seem to be a priority issue in Israel, Fish points out. Less than 10% of the Knesset is female and there are no women cabinet ministers. Alice Shalvi, an Israeli feminist the group encountered, blamed this on the Jewish tradition of stereotyping men as providers and defenders, while venerating women as wives, mothers and homemakers.

The group also visited the West Bank, where, Istona said she got the feeling "people want self-government." A lecture on the West Bank from Hebrew University political scientist Shlomo Avineri raised a few eyebrows: Avineri predicted Israel would return the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with its 1.3 million inhabitants, to Jordanian and moderate Palestinian rule, with peace to follow in five to 10 years.

Indeed, on one level, the women got one picture of Arab-Israeli relations: tense, negative and not promising.

But on another plane, the outlook was brighter. The optimism came mainly from high-level politicians.

In Egypt, the message from the foreign minister was much the same as that delivered in his 1-hour talk by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres: that the economy, not the security issue, is the most important matter facing Israel, and that the Camp David Accords, intact after eight years, are nothing short of "a miracle."

"Remember, it was only two weeks," Istona stresses, "but it was an education on many fronts."

Mark Mandelbaum, secretary of Adir Charitable Foundation, (left) and Rabbi Aaron Levine, president of Adir, help MP Anthony Roman cut the ribbon officially opening the Noam Court housing project. [Mark Dodick photo]

Family housing complex will serve college needs

By
MARK DODICK

VAUGHAN —

The wind almost stole the show, along with several hats, but somehow the ribbon was cut and 38 units of new family housing were officially opened here by the Adir Charitable Foundation recently.

Built near the new Ner Israel Yeshiva, on Noam Court, the project (sponsored by Adir) will serve the housing needs of faculty members and students of the college.

Consisting of 2-storey townhouses, Noam Court provides private parking, fenced backyards and a common playground equipped with swings, slides and sandboxes.

Secretary of the Adir Foundation, Mark Mandelbaum, credited the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation with the financial assistance necessary for completing Noam Court.

Mandelbaum also commended the local, provincial and federal governments for helping to see the program through.

"I think this project went through faster than any other project in the Town of Vaughan," said Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, while unveiling a plaque marking the inauguration.

"People move to this area because of the intensity of the yiddishkeit they know they will find here," added Vaughan councilman, David Chapley.

Anthony Roman, MP for York North, presented a subsidy instalment check on behalf of CMHC to Adir president Rabbi Aaron Levine.

"One of the most important aspects in today's housing needs is to provide affordable housing and it is projects like this that provide such housing," said Roman.

Spelling error

TORONTO —

One of the winners in the recent annual essay commemorating Jewish Book Month was Louis Papoff — not Panoff, as spelled in our June 26 report.

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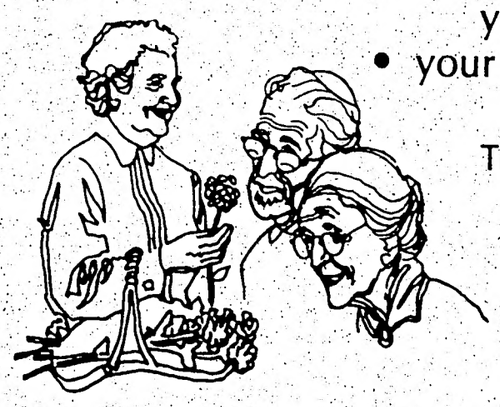

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Van Horne wants input

Seniors' needs to be studied

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Ron Van Horne is about to learn what senior citizens really want.

Ontario's first minister without portfolio for senior citizens told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview that once the Legislature recesses for the summer he will begin consulting with seniors' groups at random across the province and meet with the umbrella groups such as United Senior Citizens of Ontario and the Association of Jewish Seniors.

"As organizations they have a lot of expertise about the needs of seniors," Van Horne said. "They can be very helpful."

To provide his department with "a wide angle lens" of the situation, Van Horne said he will also be visiting senior citizens' centres across the province — particularly in outlying communities — in order to talk to as broad a cross-section as possible.

Out of the consultations, Van Horne said he will attempt to gauge seniors' concerns in such areas as housing, transportation and income security. As well, he will seek assistance from the elderly on how to best implement the programs outlined in a recently released white paper on senior citizens to suit the various communities involved.

"You have to be mindful of the variations that exist from community to community," Van Horne explained, "because the delivery system will be different in Toronto than it is in Thunder Bay. What the white paper says is here is a government policy for community support systems. We're prepared to spend the money on it and want to consult with you as a community on the best way of doing that."

After spending the summer touring the province, Van Horne said he will sit down with the information gathered and talk to the "experts in the field" before putting ideas to paper and presenting them to Premier David Peterson by year end.

As the first minister for senior citizens, Van Horne acknowledged that there has been a growing awareness of the needs of senior citizens and attributed this to a number of factors. He said that when senior citizens spoke out against the planned deindexation of federal old age pensions last year, people started looking at the size of that "vocal group" and realized that seniors are not a small group but is large and growing larger.

Another factor Van Horne cited is the advancing age of seniors being admitted to nursng homes.

He said that when nursing homes came on stream in 1972 the average age of admission was 68. This has increased to almost 83.

"That's a very significant number," Van Horne said. "It tells you that seniors are staying in their homes much longer and when they do come into an institution are obviously older and require more assistance."

Van Horne said that while touring the province earlier this year to seek input on the white paper on health care he learned that basically senior citizens want to be involved in whatever is being planned for them.

"I think there has been a feeling that government and a handful of faceless people were making decisions that they had no input with and they didn't like that," said Van Horne. "The next thing they are saying to us is that by and large we're not a doting group of old, faltering people."

Van Horne said that in comparing the number of seniors living in nursing homes and institutions relative to those who live at home, he discovered the

Ron Van Horne

majority were healthy and preferred to remain at home.

While senior citizens were interested in discussing non-health related issues, the minister said that the government chose to tackle health care first as it makes up a large part of the provincial budget.

Van Horne said that about $4 billion of the roughly $30 billion budget is now devoted to providing services for senior citizens. If the government were to do nothing more than to provide the same level of service from year to year, he said that $4 billion would rise to about $7 billion by the end of the century because of the growing number of seniors in Ontario.

"What we are saying is that we are not necessarily going to save a lot of money, but we're going to service those growing numbers and in the long run we're projecting that improved home services will lead to lesser demand on our chronic and acute care beds."

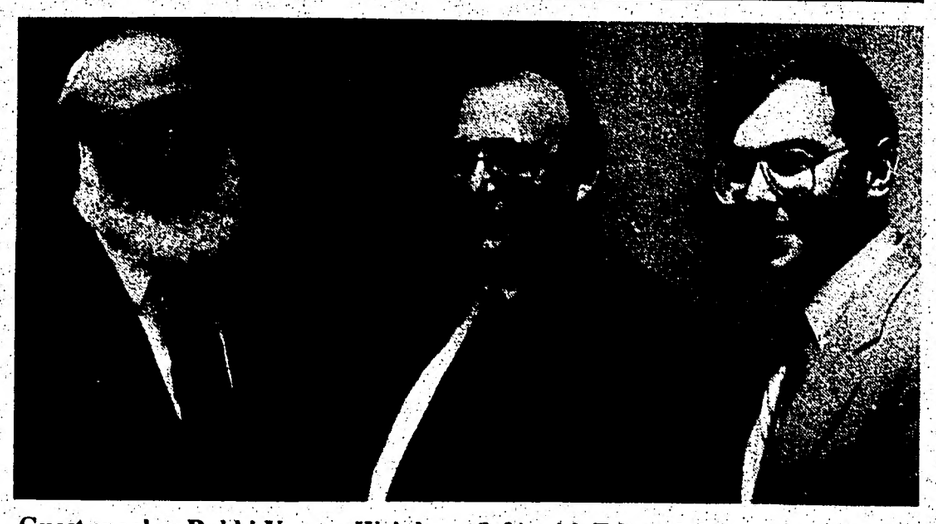
Van Horne said that while some of the policies outlined in the white paper will take time to develop, others are already in place. He said the homemakers program has started already and that regional geriatric units have been identified in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kingston and Ottawa and preliminary work has begun to provide specialized geriatric services in these communities.

He said the "1-stop shopping centres" for seniors' medical needs will be starting up in communities as quickly as communities can implement the program within this next year and that the centres providing comprehensive community services will be ready for the latter part of 1987 as part of a pilot project.

Moving away from the issue of seniors' health, Van Horne that while he hopes the new provincial rent guidlelines do not adversely affect senior citizens, the government is taking a wait and see approach to see if more work has to be done in this area.

On a related topic, the minister said that while the conversion of apartment units to luxury condominiums is a threat to seniors, it is a municipal responsibility.

"I just hope it doesn't get to a point where some more serious type of action is required by the province," he said.



Guest speaker Rabbi Yaacov Weinberg (left) with Edward Sonshine, chairman of Aish HaTorah executive lunch study session, and Rabbi Aaron Hoch of Aish HaTorah. [Mark Dodick photo]

Relationship with God seen as key to identity

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Our uniqueness as a people and the reason for our survival is our special covenant, our active relationship with God, Rabbi Yaacov Weinberg said at the final Aish HaTorah luncheon/lecture of the season.

Weinberg, dean of Ner Israel Rabbinical Academy, opened with the question: Why be Jewish?

"Unless there is something very unique to Judaism there can be no answer to the question. There is no reason anybody can give to why be Jewish."

It is not enough that we are Jewish and have a tradition of being Jewish, Weinberg said. There is a price to be paid for the commitment to an identity, and our young people want more meaningful answers.

And it is unlikely we can persuade our children to remain Jews by telling them that our Bible invented the hallowed concepts of justice, compassion and respect for human dignity, he said.

Today many people practice Judaism for sentimental reasons. "They would like to see their children follow but they are not going to squeeze them into it, and won't be very unhappy if they don't."

The problem of anti-semitism, the history of the Holocaust and even Israel are not enough to ensure that our children will remain Jewish, said Weinberg.

We must recognize that we are "a nation built on a concept of justice and compassion; a nation whose purpose and existence is these concepts. We live them not as individuals but as a nation.

"This is what we as a people represent and there is a difference between what a people represent and what individuals represent."

We do not simply keep the laws of God, said Weinberg. "We keep a relationship. We cannot be passive. We have to be active; passivity is destructive.

"This uniqueness is a uniqueness that all our children can accept. It is real; it is acutal. It is participating. It is something worth living for: That is something any human being can respond to with full acceptance."

The Aish HaTorah luncheon/lectures are held about every month and use the facilities of various supporters of the organization. They resume in September.

The lunchtime study sessions are only one of many programs Aish HaTorah offers. For more information on others, phone (416) 636-7530.

Glatt kosher restaurant opens

TORONTO —
A new glatt kosher (under COR) restaurant opened recently serving everything from chateaubriand to falafel and kaesta, a spicy Moroccan hamburger.

Rabbi Haim Edery and Ronny Macmull are the owners of Mifgash Haim — A Universal Delight, at 3520 Bathurst St. The restaurant is open daily (except Shabbat) 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and has everything for about 42 patrons.

By Edery's estimation there are some 70 items on the menu, including such exotic fare as Romanian-style marinated green peppers, cous cous, kebab and Moroccan-style fried fish cooked in tomatoes and green peppers in a hot or mild sauce.

The restaurant also serves fare better known to the Canadian palate, says Edery. "I'm a good cook. I have done many parties including a bar mitzvah for my son and the guests were delighted," he adds.

Edery, who was the spiritual leader in North Bay and rabbi at Beth Isaiah in Guelph for the last six years, had been planning to open a restaurant for some time when he met Macmull. He says public response to Mifgash Haim so far has been encouraging.

"Business has been good so far. I am very optimistic. I've heard the word is spreading and people who have been here have come a second, third and fourth time. Yesterday, we had lineups . . . and that's a good sign."

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Women hear ways to counteract stress

By
MOURA WOLPERT

Jack Leon

HAMILTON —

Negative thoughts give rise to negative feelings which in turn give rise to negative actions. And all these negatives, of course, give rise to stress.

How to cope with the stresses of everyday life was the topic of Mohawk College counselor Jack Leon when he spoke to the members of Nitsan Club, Na'amat — Pioneer Women, a group of young women in their 20s and 30s trying to cope with the demands of marriage, motherhood and careers.

A psychologist who teaches counseling techniques, conducts workshops on stress and does stress counseling, Leon is also the accredited psychological consultant to the Canadian national handgun and skeet teams and he must be doing something right: two of the athletes he counseled are gold medalists, Ottawa shooter Linda Thom, who won the first gold medal of the 1984 Olympics, and Canadian archery champion Lisa Buscombe.

A lot of stress is caused by negative experiences which lead to loss of confidence, while another kind of stress is caused "by our telling ourselves a lot of negative things," Leon told the women.

As an example of the former he cited a personal experience some years ago when he had to make regular trips to Toronto and was once hit by another car. On subsequent trips, whenever he approached the spot on the Queen Elizabeth Way where the accident occurred, he would experience stress, said Leon. He tried various means, such as listening to rock music, but without success.

Then he noticed a Dairy Queen nearby "and as you can see that food is my thing," he said, patting his stomach, he decided to stop for a treat. He continued to treat himself on every trip "until I stopped that mishigas" and overcame his anxiety.

In other words, find a way of counteracting the negative experience with a pleasurable one until you overcome the stress. Relaxation techniques are helpful and if necessary, professional counseling should be sought, which may be supplemented with a mild drug.

"Try and reduce stress by thinking rationally," advised Leon. Too often we create our own stress by expecting the worst, by misinterpreting the actions of others to suit our own worst expectations or by imagining slights and rebuffs, he said.

A certain amount of stress — "like waiting till the last minute to get a job done" — is good, said Leon "but beyond that, it scrambles your brain. The problems begin when you lose control."

Unrealistic ways of coping with stress include "frustration aggression," i.e. "attacking people who have nothing to do with your stress;" rationalizing by "coming up with socially acceptable explanations for things that are not socially acceptable," and defence mechanisms such as "sour grapes . . . telling yourself you didn't really want something anyway even though you're plotzing to have it . . ." and projection: attributing your own negative feelings to someone else.

Internalizing stress can lead to psychosomatic ills such as ulcers, headaches and backache and, added Leon, he has lately noticed an increase of anorexia among Jewish teenagers, "who seem to be dealing with stress in this way."

Coping with stress successfully means learning to look at the positive aspects of a situation rather than its negative associations and learning to accept your own and others' imperfections.

And for ridding yourself of everyday frustrations, there's always the old standby of vigorous exercise.

MACCABI WEEK IN NORTH YORK

North York Mel Lastman (2nd from left) and Maccabi Canada President Sid Greenberg (3rd from left) hold up a Maccabi poster following Lastman's declaration of the week of Aug. 15-21 as Maccabi Week in North York. Also present are Alex Fisher (left), Maccabi's honorary president; Harold Cipin (2nd from right), member of Maccabi's national athletic committee; and Rami Horowitz (right), vice-president of the Maccabi World Union.

Top grades give law student chance at High Court job

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Marc Dworsky

TORONTO —

Like many other people, Marc Dworsky moved to Ottawa recently. Nothing unique in that, until you consider what drew him to the national capital.

Dworsky is moving because of a career opportunity that comes around once in a lifetime — and then only for a very select few. Dworsky will be working as a clerk for Supreme Court of Canada Justice Gerard La Forest, and he can thank an exceptional record compiled over three years in law school for the opportunity.

Dworsky, 25, was the recipient recently of the prestigious gold medal at Osgoode Hall Law School, perhaps Canada's premier law teaching institution. With an unassuming modesty, Dworsky reluctantly acknowledges his sparkling academic record: three years with near straight-A performance.

Only a slight slip in third year prevented a perfect A record. A remarkable achievement, something silver medalist James Morton and bronze medalist Stephen Bloom could not eclipse for the prized top honor. (Morton and Bloom, by the way, are also Jewish, says Dworsky.)

While Dworsky is looking forward to a year in Ottawa, learning at the feet of one of Canada's preeminent justices, he admits that getting into law in the first place was a "pure accident."

Looking back on his undergraduate years as a student of literature and psychology, Dworsky recalls being bored and looking for "something challenging" to do.

A friend was considering law school, and Dworsky joined him in applying for the hard-to-get spot. He was accepted and ever since he began studying the intricacies of contracts, torts, administrative and criminal law, he's grown to enjoy it.

"I enjoy the analytical nature of the law," he says, applying legal principles to day to day situations.

He's particularly drawn to constitutional law, which he sees as "a new area, uncharted. With the Charter it's become a really vital area."

It's too early to tell whether he'll make that his special area of expertise. Right now, he has his sights set on one year of clerking which will likely provide him with plenty of exposure to that constantly developing area of law.

While Dworsky is apprehensive about leaving friends and family, moving is nothing new to him. A native of South Africa, Dworsky joined his family in moving to Israel in 1977. After four years in the Jewish state, the family moved again, this time to Toronto, where they have lived ever since.

Dworsky admits to many hours poring over legal texts and lots of hard work, something that will stand him in good stead as his career in law unfolds.

UAW chief opposes move

White warns of free trade

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Free trade with the United States means Canada will have less control over its own affairs, says United Auto Workers of Canada president Bob White.

White told a full house at the New Fraternal Jewish Association recently that "the more we become integrated with the U.S., the less we'll be able to make our own domestic and international decisions."

White, the auto workers and almost all of organized labor in Canada, have come out squarely against free trade, arguing that open borders with the U.S. would cost thousands of jobs in Canada and would lower our trade surplus.

"Last year, Canada had a $20 billion trade surplus. I don't think we'd come out of the negotiations with a $30 billion surplus. I think the U.S. will want to reduce its own deficit," White said.

Free trade will also mean that Canadian social programs — such as welfare, old age pensions and unemployment insurance, especially seasonal benefits — will come under "severe pressure" in the future because they could be perceived by the Americans as unfair interference in the Canadian economy.

"Anything considered interference (by the U.S.), like a subsidy, will not be allowed. No one arguing for free trade is saying this or that sector will get more employment."

White said free trade could mean, in government parlance, the "restructuring" of some 800,000 jobs in Canada.

"Where jobs will come from, I just don't know. The problem is we're so competetive, that we're penetrating the U.S. market."

The recent controversy over Canadian cedar shakes and shingles, on which the U.S. slapped a 35% import tariff, indicates how the Americans look out for themselves first, White said.

"(U.S. Vice-president) George Bush said the shakes and shingles matter was a friendly tiff. I don't think those guys (the lumber workers) in British Columbia think it's a friendly tiff."

White predicted the next Canadian export to be hit with a tariff will be steel tubing.

While free trade is "the most important political and social decision in the last quarter century," it would ultimately mean the waning of Canadian sovereignty.

And White said he's not entirely convinced Prime Minister Brian Mulroney believes in free trade as sincerely as he once did.

Asked by The CJN to comment on the recent deal to establish free trade between the U.S. and Israel, White said the matter is very different because Israel does not share a border with the U.S. and its economy can tolerate close ties with the Americans.

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Organizations and People

Celebrities gather for JCC tribute

Bronfman honored as Sportsman of the Year

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For Charles Rosner Bronfman, it was quite a birthday present. Almost 800 people crowded into the Sheraton Centre's Grand Ballroom to pay tribute to the Montreal-based entrepreneur and community leader as the Jewish Community Centre's Sportsman of the Year.

Bronfman, who celebrated a birthday one day after the dinner, was honored for distinguishing himself by combining service in sports and the community.

A glittering array of celebrities from the political, sports and business worlds gathered at the 2nd annual celebrity dinner to honor Bronfman, whose holdings include the Seagram Company, baseball's Montreal Expos and the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

Ontario Premier David Peterson, ex-Premier William Davis and Monte Kwinter, minister for consumer and commercial relations, were there from the world of politics, while the sports world was well represented by athletes from a variety of sports.

The head table presented a Canadian mini-sports hall of fame, with hockey notables Red Kelly and Wendel Clark present, along with ex-CFL stars Tony Gabriel and Gene Mack, Canadian soccer captain Bruce Wilson, swimmer Victor Davis, jockey Jeff Fell, squash champ Sharif Khan, golfer George Knudson and baseballers Andre Dawson of the Expos and Buck Martinez of the Blue Jays.

Also on hand were baseball managers Jimy Williams of the Blue Jays and Buck Rodgers of the Expos.

Actor Donald Sutherland, whose credits include the wildly popular movie MASH, Ordinary People, 1900 and most recently The Wolf at the Door, was the keynote speaker. He described Canadians as "clear thinkers" who could fit in naturally as diplomats between the U.S. and the Soviets.

A 10-minute video presentation greeted Bronfman, with messages of congratulations from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau, brother Edgar Bronfman, baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth and California Angels manager Gene Mauch.

In accepting the recognition as sportsman of the year, Bronfman harkened to the non-parochial aspect of the event — a Toronto JCC honoring a Montrealer. Breaking down parochial barriers "is the real meaning of sport," he said.

"Sports can do a lot of things in Canada that corporations and politicians can't do," Bronfman maintained. "No matter what color, creed, religious or ethnic background, sports can bring a better understanding in human beings."

Much of Bronfman's sports-related activities is geared at doing just that. He established a youth fellowship fund in 1981 to help create broader understanding among young Canadians from different regions and cultural backgrounds and he supports amateur sport in Canada through grants.

He inaugurated major league baseball in Montreal and helped save pro football in the city.

Outside the sports world, Bronfman is also very active. He is a past winner of the Golda Meir Leadership Award for his contribution to promoting Israel's economic and social progress. He is chairman of the board of United Israel Appeal of Canada, honorary chairman of Jerusalem Foundation of Canada, past president of Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal and is chairman of CEMP Investments.

In 1982 he was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Acting as master of ceremonies at the dinner was Jake Dunlap, and Bronfman received greetings from JCC president Bernard Kamin and dinner chairman David Kwinta. Paul Godfrey delivered the invocations and the national anthems were sung by Cantor Louis Danto.

The dinner raised about $70,000, said JCC executive director Paul Brownstein — money earmarked for the JCC's special needs programs.

That includes practically everything, said Brownstein, from scholarships for members and for programs, to programs and facilities for seniors and the handicapped.

The money will be allocated to the various JCC branches with each outlet determining how the money will be spent, he said.

Brownstein said the dinner raised money for the entire agency, though other fund raisers are planned for different sections of the Centre, such as the Koffler Gallery. The JCC ran a deficit of $286,277 in 1985, according to its financial statements. Projections are for a 1986 deficit in excess of $320,000.

Corporate tickets for the dinner were priced at $2,000 for a table of 10, while individual tickets sold for $150 each.

Charles Bronfman, JCC's Sportsman of the Year, with two major league mascots — B.J. Birdie (left) of the Toronto Blue Jays and Youppi (right) of the Montreal Expos.

Women managers show a high level of stress

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Women have come a long way since the turn of the century. They have the vote, better chances of receiving a higher education, an improved lifestyle and work side-by-side with men in many areas. With all the advancements though, come the drawbacks — job-related stress and an increase in heart disease.

York University psychology professor Esther Greenglass, told The CJN that research has shown that women in "non-traditional" fields, such as university educators and managers, exhibit higher Type A behavior than their male counterparts.

While the job contributes to Type A behavior, Greenglass said it is not the sole factor. She said it is an interaction of personality and the demands of the work environment.

"The greater the demands of the environment, the more the Type A personality comes to the floor," said Greenglass, who will deliver a paper on Type A behavior and coping at the 21st International Congress of Applied Psychology in Jerusalem on July 15. "Women are more likely to be Type A when the men around them are Type A."

Greenglass said the factors contributing to Type A behavior in women are different than in men due to the different stressors that impact on them. She said this is partially due to the different social and status differences — such as sex discrimination — that exist in the workplace.

What protects a lot of Type A women from getting heart attacks, Greenglass said, is a hormonal balance.

"You can have a woman who's on the go, pushy, who smokes and she won't have a heart attack as long as she's menstruating. However once her estrogen level drops after menopause, she is no longer protected. She's as vulnerable as a man and I think that hurried, stressful, lifestyle catches up with her."

She said that what Type A women (and men) have to do to reduce the chance of heart attack is to develop a social support network. Greenglass said it is important to have people around you can talk to and who will support and help you.

"When you do everything yourself is when you're most vulnerable to the effects of stress," Greenglass said.

The paradox though, she said, is that the people who need the social support the most seem to be the ones who are the least able to benefit due to their very nature.

She added that it is even harder for men as they don't like to ask for help and want to be independent.

Prone to heart attacks

She explained that the Type A person is usually hard driving, competitive, aggressive and is not usually able to rely on others for help, but instead likes to do everthing for his or herself. As well, this type of individual doesn't like to delegate tasks and, from a health point of view, is prone to heart attacks.

Greenglass said that the higher stress levels in women managers can be traced to the job's requirements; that, in order to be promoted, you have to demonstrate the characteristics of being hard driving and on top of things.

"I think women have always had to be better than men in order to get these jobs," Greenglass said.

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Dr. Sheldon Nadal poses with an oversized patient in Caesarea.

Laser beam surgery impresses podiatrist

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
What's afoot in Israel?

In terms of breakthroughs in podiatry (the care and treatment of the feet), not much — there are only one or two podiatrists in all of Israel — but Toronto podiatrist Sheldon Nadal has returned from a recent 10-day tour of the Holy Land impressed with the advances made there in his specialty: laser surgery.

Nadal, who has a busy practice on Eglinton Ave. E., is one of a handful of Canadian podiatrists who use the laser beam to perform foot surgery, both in making incisions and in actually employing the intense heat to cut away at soft tissue.

Until recently, Nadal limited the use of the laser to the treatment of disorders such as fungal and ingrown nails, warts, calluses, nerve tumors and enlarged scars. His trip to Israel changed that.

Nadal visited a laser factory in Tel Aviv and met Prof. Isaac Kaplan, the inventor of carbon dioxide laser surgery, the type used by podiatrists.

"Dr. Kaplan invited me to watch him perform his laser technique," Nadal told The CJN. "As I watched him remove a large growth from a woman's neck, I realized the laser could be used instead of a knife, along with minimal incision surgery, for the treatment of other foot deformities," such as bunions, warts, heel spurs and hammered toes.

Israel, says Nadal, is a world leader in laser surgery. Foot surgery there, though, is performed by orthopedic surgeons.

Minimal incision surgery (MIS) with a laser enables the doctor to make a very small incision, sometimes as small as one-eighth of an inch, with a gadget that resembles a dentist's drill.

"Due to the small incision, there is very little post-operative pain or discomfort. The laser is very precise. It removes diseased soft tissue while leaving surrounding healthy tissue intact," Nadal, 33, explains.

"And best, it seals off nerve endings and blood vessels as it cuts, reducing bleeding, speeding healing because of the small scar and allowing a cleaner view for the surgeon. The laser also sterilizes."

With the Israeli-perfected laser technique, Nadal can correct painful bunions, crooked toes and other ailments painlessly, right in his office. Whereas bunion surgery once meant general anasthetic, steel pins, casts, crutches and three to eight weeks off work, (not to mention an expensive hospital stay), the laser incision means a patient walks into the podiatrist's office, gets a local anesthetic and 15 minutes later, walks out, with only a bandage and special surgical shoe. Many patients return to normal activity the following day. "Usually, Aspirin is sufficient in alleviating what pain there is," Nadal says.

"Soft-tissue" disorders like ingrown nails, calluses, corns and warts can also be corrected, using the laser to sear the tissue away.

Nadal agrees the laser is definitely the way of the future in foot surgery and may even replace the scalpel in general surgery one day.

"I was glad to to learn things in Israel that will help my patients in Toronto."

Nadal may be reached at 486-9917.

Interfaith group holds China talks

NEW YORK (JTA) —
An American interfaith delegation of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders conferred with Foreign Minister Wu Xuegian of the Peoples Republic of China at the foreign ministry in Beijing last week, it was reported here. The delegation is headed by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation which sponsored the visit to China.

Schneier, who is rabbi of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan, reported that the discussion covered the Middle East, Israel and East-West relations among other topics. In addition to Schneier, the delegation consists of Vincent Thomas O'Keefe, Society of Jesus, who is a past president of Fordham University and Rev. David James Randolph, senior minister of Christ Church Methodist in Manhattan.

The report from Beijing said the delegation was given considerable attention in the Chinese media. The People's Daily published an article and the national television network broadcast the delegation being greeted by the foreign minister.

JCC holds mini-spa

Women have fun, get fit

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Participants at the JCC's mini-spa trip to Niagara Falls included (from left) Lori Allen, Frances Topper, Min Siegelman, Renee Topper and tour leader Shirley Landau.

TORONTO —
Twenty-seven women, ranging from their mid-20s to the 70s, gathered in the front circle of the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst recently at 8 a.m. for a 3-day Ms. Fit Club mini-spa holiday to Niagara Falls that included fitness, fun, the theatre and an opportunity to mingle with a congenial group of women.

Two mini-buses driven by Shirley Landau, the director of the women's health club at the JCC and Carolynne Wainberg who assisted her, moved westward after the drivers told a few jokes.

No sooner did the buses arrive at the Ramada Hotel Fallsview, a few blocks from the Falls, than the group was informed that an exercise class would begin in 15 minutes, followed by lunch.

Some women arrived for the class, others took a nap or went shopping. But everyone arrived back for lunch.

They were greeted by Torontonian Renee Topper, the PR person for the hotel, and the group's host. She completed the details for the stay and arranged special diets in conjunction with Wainberg who heads the Get Slim Stay Slim class at the JCC.

The next three days gave each of the participants a chance to choose her favorite acitivities including swimming, whirlpool, sauna, squash, racquetball or tennis nearby.

The highlights of the trip included two trips to Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Shaw Festival, a wine tour where Le Karem, the new kosher wines are being produced, measured 5-, 7- and 10-km walks and runs which took you past the Falls and the manicured gardens, and shopping in Canada or across the border.

Arriving for a 1-day outing, were 97 more women. No sooner had they arrived, that they were off for an invigorating walk or run, then into the showers, lunch, the theatre, and a leisurely bus ride back to Toronto.

Beyond the fitness program, the ambience of the hotel and the well-planned activities, the participants agreed that it was the camaraderie that developed amongst relative strangers, that remains in the minds of those who participated in the mini-holiday.

Shirley Landau, who heads many of the trips planned by the JCC, was a part-time fitness tester for more than a year before she became the health club director almost eight years ago.

Although the focus of the trip is on fitness activities, says Landau, it is not enforced and everyone can choose her own activities. For those taking the fitness classes, she carefuly instructs beginners as well as long dedicated fitness buffs.

"But," she admits, "part of the popularity of our trips is wondering where we are going to eat."

She explained that the Ms. Fit Club membership is $15 a year. This gives members priority for planned trips, a discount, a gym bag, a calendar and a pen.

The Niagara Falls trip 3-day trip is presented twice a year, in May and November Landau says that some women come alone, some in pairs "but many of them make new friends."

The next Ms. Fit Club 1-day outing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16. It is a trip to Stratford which includes a walk or run, lunch and off to the theatre to see The Boys from Syracuse. Then back to Toronto by 6.30.

The price is $37 for Ms. Fit Club members and that includes everything. (Slightly higher for non-members.) Registration is limited and on a first-come-first-served basis.

Other trips planned include a day at the Beaches in August, a day at the races in October, and another one that month to Elmira to a quaint Mennonite community.

In November, there is a half-day outing which includes a walk or run to the Columbus Centre, use of the facilities, and lunch.

For more information on the Ms. Fit Club activities, call Shirley Landau, 636-1880, ext. 226.

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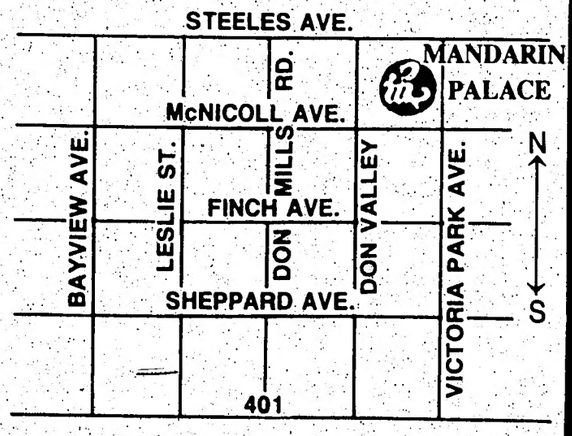

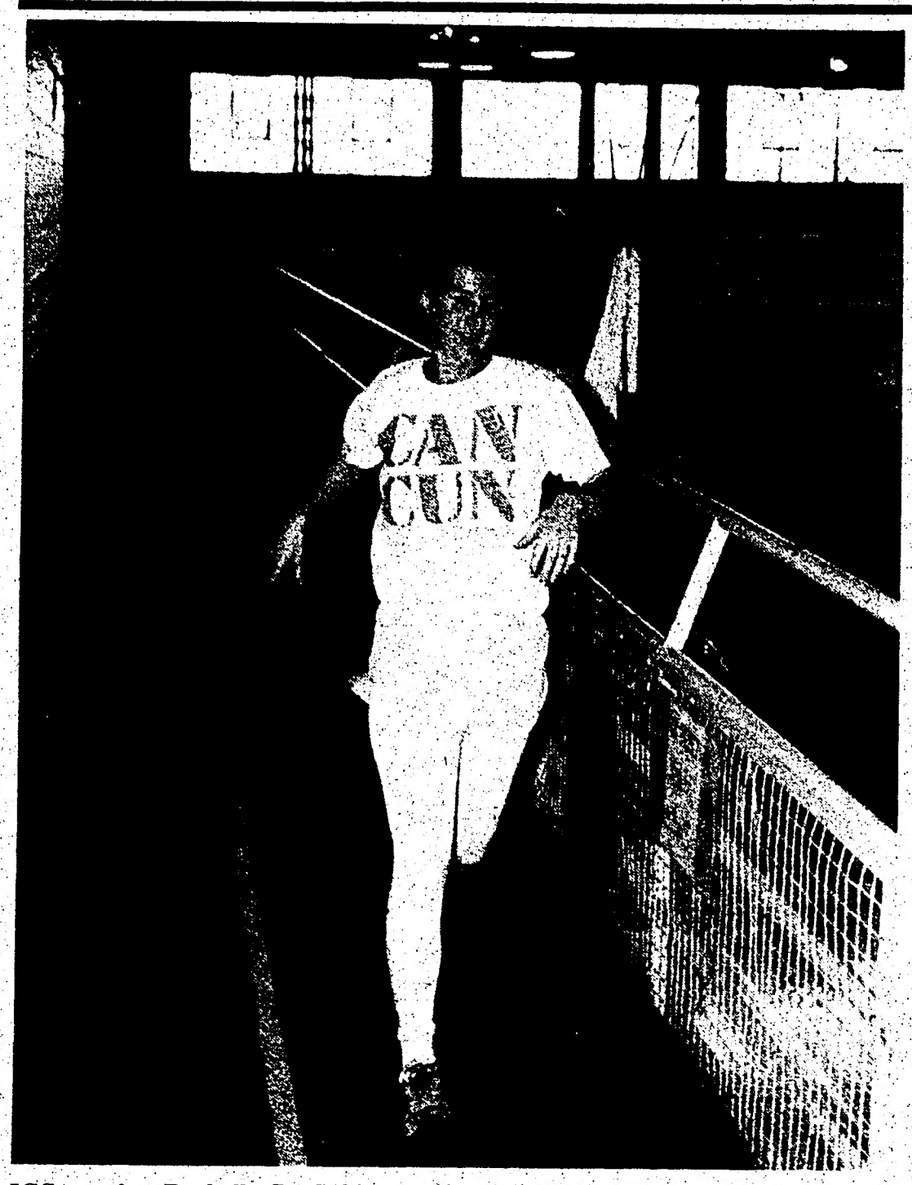

JCC member Rochelle Garfinkle pounding out the miles in one of the Centre's more traditional facilities — the tack. [Paul Lungen photo]

JCC offers programs for all

TORONTO —
The community and family services department of the Jewish Community Centre on north Bathurst St. serves the Jewish family through a variety of programs for all ages, says Orian Feldman, department director.

"Jewish traditions and cultural values are reinforced in all aspects of our programming," Feldman said. "It is our desire to provide a warm, safe and friendly place where the family can make new friends and learn new skills."

While community and family services' programs involve pre-school, children, teens, singles, adults, senior adults and special needs, there are three areas which should be highlighted, he said.

The early childhood services section serves more than 600 children every week in programs for tots from three weeks to five years. The JCC's nursery school "is known for its high quality programming and excellent staff," Feldman said, adding that in 1986-7, drama, dance and Hebrew will be added to the curriculum.

"The teen population has flourished over the past year and we have just begun again to help revitalize this program area through both the physical education department and community and family services department," he stated.

In order to welcome young people, the Randy Kates Lounge, a new and special room just for teens, was inaugurated recently, with a city-wide teen dance featuring a disc jockey and an evening of surprises and excitement, Feldman said.

One of the JCC's newest program areas is Adult Plus for those 55 years and over. The programs developed by participants include positive aspects of aging, leisure time and changing lifestyles.

Future plans include programs on career opportunities and consulting, a Lesiure Time fair, social events, intergenerational communications, said Feldman.

Those interested in JCC community and family services department programs should call Orian Feldman at 636-1880 ext. 253.

Gymnast dreams of gold

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —
The 1992 Olympics may seem way off in the distant future for the ordinary sports fan. But for Lisa Franks, one of Canada's top rhythmic gymnasts, it's just a hop, skip and jump away from her dreams of gold, medals that is.

And of course Franks wouldn't mind mining some more gold at the '89 Maccabiah Games in Israel if the opportunity arose.

"I was just under the age grouping for the junior competition at the last Maccabiah so I'm hoping the 89 Games will be my turn," Franks says.

And what of the '88 Olympics?

"I'll only be 16 for those Games and you don't really hit your peak in rhythmic gymnastics until you're older. That's why the '92 Olympics is my ultimate goal."

Franks recently competed at the national junior championships in Calgary, where she won six silver medals. If Franks continues to deliver such medal winning performances she stands a good chance of making Canada's national team, her current number one goal.

"It would be great to make Canada's national team. I love the travel and competition and one of the upcoming competitions is in Australia which would be fantastic to go to."

But while the fan sees all the grace and glamor that is present on the floor in gymnasiums around the world, he never sees the literally thousands of hours of practice that go into a medal winning performance.

Franks spends over 40 hours a week in the gym, polishing her routines and learning new moves, all under the watchful eye of her Bulgarian coach Liliana Bimitrovin, while combining a full school workload.

"I take a special program at Seneca College where I train in the morning and go to school in the afternoon," she says.

And after school it's back to the gym for a couple more hours of practice before the day is done and homework awaits.

Does Franks ever get tired of all the hours in the gym?

"Oh no!" she exclaims. "I love it. You're always working on new moves and I get keyed for any competition coming up."

So with all her dedication Franks could be making a lot of Canadians proud come '92. What's six years when you've got a goal?

Lisa Franks shows her flexibility and balance in this demonstration of rhythmic gymnastics.

Here are the B'nai B'rith baseball Slow Pitch standings as of June 30.

SLOW PITCH BASEBALL STANDINGS

DIVISION 1	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT
DIVISION EAST						
TFL Hy & Zel's	8	8	0	0	16	1.000
TFL Banshees	9	5	4	0	10	.556
Maccabiah Malpractice Molars	9	5	4	0	10	.556
TFL Fantabats	8	4	4	0	8	.500
Wilson Heights Willies	8	2	6	0	4	.250
Maccabiah Golddiggers	9	2	7	0	4	.222
DIVISION WEST						
Maccabiah Diplomats	9	7	2	0	14	.778
Canyon Sombreros	8	6	2	0	12	.750
Maven Water Buffalos	3	2	1	0	4	.667
TFL Whalers	8	4	4	0	8	.500
Forestdale Heights	9	4	5	0	8	.444
TFL Realtors	9	2	7	0	3	.167

DIVISION 2	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT
Maccabiah Celtics	8	6	2	0	12	.750
Maven "A"	8	6	2	0	12	.750
Maccabiah Yoggers	8	4	3	1	9	.563
Maccabiah Continentals	8	3	5	0	6	.375
Yorkdale Mallers	8	3	5	0	6	.375
Maccabiah Cannibals	8	2	5	1	5	.313
Canyon Ultakukers	8	2	6	0	4	.250
Circle Rounders	4	1	3	0	2	.250

DIVISION 3	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT
AMERICAN LEAGUE						
Canyon Blue Jays	7	6	1	0	12	.857
TFL Yankees	7	5	2	0	10	.714
Forestdale Fantastics	7	4	3	0	8	.571
Maccabiah Erectors	6	3	3	0	6	.500
Yorkdale Yids	6	3	3	0	6	.500
TFL Geriatrics	7	2	5	0	4	.286
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
Maven No-stars	7	6	1	0	12	.857
LMOL Nightingales	7	6	1	0	12	.857
TFL Druxy's	7	2	5	0	4	.286
Thornhill Thunderbirds	7	2	5	0	4	.286
Forestdale Steelers	7	1	6	0	2	.143
Maccabiah Toe Biz	7	1	6	0	1	.071

DIVISION 4	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT
North York Yankees	7	7	0	0	14	1.000
Don Mills Mustangs	8	6	2	0	12	.750
Maccabiah Grinders	7	5	2	0	10	.714
Maven Jackhammers	8	5	3	0	10	.625
TFL Fabriclands	7	4	3	0	8	.571
Forestdale Flyers	6	3	3	0	6	.500
Canyon Condos	8	3	5	0	5	.313
Manor Metropolitan Clowns	8	2	6	0	3	.188
Maven Marvels	7	1	6	0	2	.143
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Store gives designers a break

By
LORI SMITH

It's difficult for the neophyte in any profession to get started but it's particularly difficult for young designers to break into the fashion world. Like acting, many deserve and desire fame and fortune but few are chosen.

In Toronto, two young retailers are giving young designers the necessary helping hand. Vivek Khyati and Brinda Ray, co-owners of Brinda Ray, 777 Queen St. W., retail and promote young Canadian designers including Esme Hedrick, Emily Zarb, Fiona Duncan, Jamie Hart, Wesley-Winsa, Kim Mak, Jackie, Kimbo, Maria Torres, Louis V, Savoy Fare and as the one exception to this rule, Bern Conrad from New York City.

Khyati explains that the store, which Ray opened two and a half years ago, originally carried only their designs, but they were open to supporting new talent and were soon selling the work of other Queen Street alumni. And then consumers tuned in to the store and its designers.

She says that most of the store's clientele are between the ages of 25 and 40, and are young professional women who want to look great but don't want to look like everybody else. It is with themselves and these women in mind that she and Ray decide which designers they will carry.

"It's very difficult. We have a reputation of being open to new people and ideas ands so designers often approach us. But what we're looking for is sophisticated fashion: clothes that are good looking, but a bit different. And quality is very important.

"Mostly I buy things that I love. If i wouldn't wear it, I won't buy it. I also look for unique things and clothes that are fun. Classics with a twist."

This summer they are carrying a whole line of beautiful linens in natural colors — pants, skirts, jackets in oatmeal and off white.

And they are carrying the Canyon lino by Emilyt Zarb. It's a knit line of light, airy fabrics in very earthly tones of browns, greens, and purples. The construction of the line is easy without being oversized.

Bern Conrad is featured in a line of pale cotton and linen garments. And the store offers elegant evening wear from Jamie Hart, including silk evening dresses with rhinestones.

What strikes one about the store is that for all the unusual garments and accessories (Ray and Khyati also carry a number of young accessory designers) nothing is really trendy. In fact Khyati explains that they do not carry trendy clothing. Instead the garments they carry are meant to be wearable in five years — 1980s classics.

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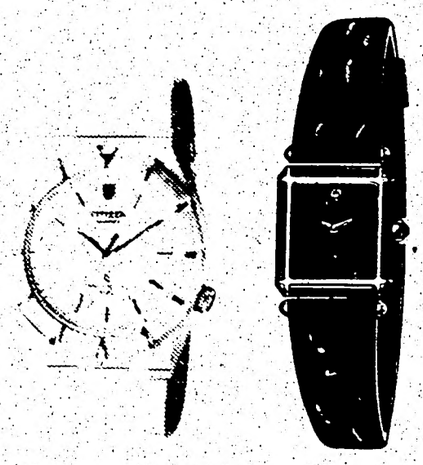

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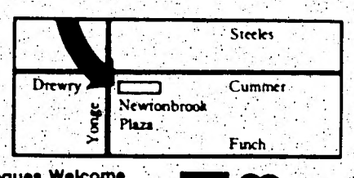

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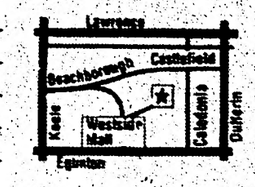

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Surf punks bring back Gidget days with colorful jams

NEW YORK (AP) —

The fashion style sweeping the U.S. junior market for summer is long, baggy drawstring shorts — called jams — in wild combinations of prints and colors.

But anyone old enough to remember the '60s, Hawaii Five-O or Gidget, will recall the look is not really new, just recycled.

Called kneebusters in the American west, clam-diggers in the South and jams or jammies elsewhere, the outrageous shorts — done in mammoth flower, geometric and abstract prints and in color combinations almost too painful to describe — are being snapped up by teens.

"It's phenomenally popular and it's a major trend," said Ed Razek of the Columbus, Ohio-based specialty store, The Limited. "They're selling everywhere. . . . This is not an ocean-related thing. There are no oceans in Columbus and it's hot here."

There's only one rule when putting together a jams outfit, said Terry Melville, Macy's New York vice-president for fashion direction: "anything goes."

Hot pink shorts with geometric dashes of red, orange, electric blue and mustard can be teamed with a flaming red T-shirt and a Hawaiian-style flowered shirt in lime green and orange. Like she said, anything goes.

Though elders may be tempted to don sunglasses for protection, somehow it works.

The look was first made popular in the '60s during the Beach Boy and surfer-girl craze, Melville said.

Back then, boys wore their jams topless, mostly as bathing suits. They weren't as popular for girls and when worn it was either as a bathing suit cover-up or with co-ordinating colored T-shirts. No one dreamed of mixing checks and stripes or dots and flowers.

But today, "We're talking major mix and match, with a heavy emphasis on mix," Razek said.

Melville traces the return of the jammie to California and a bunch of kids called "surf punks."

Several California-based manufacturers and one in Hawaii picked up on the look and under various brand names began peddling the old pedal-pushers to surf shops.

When it became clear they were a hit, specialty shops and department stores got into the act. The result is eyepopping styles on youngsters this summer.

"It's hotter now than it ever was in the '60s," Razek said. "They're just flying off the rack," said Melville.

"Someone in the industry estimated it will do $200 million (U.S.) in sales overall, and I wouldn't dispute it," said Razek. The shorts, some of which go below the knee, sell for $26 to $36.

"They never really died out," Melville said. Progressive Californians and laid-back Hawaiians always favored the comfortable, roomy look.

"But now they're really back in vogue," said Melville. "Who knows? The hoola-hoop may be next."

A fluorescent colorful scene adorns these long shorts by Platts. At right, Catchit's abstract designs provide a unique look. Both available at California Pro in Toronto. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Arts

...but only one solid hit

Four plays offer everything from satire to splash

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Variety is said to be the spice of life, and theatregoers will find plenty of it in four productions that recently opened in Toronto.

One is a murder thriller, one is a satirical revue, one is a Black rock opera, and one is a splashy revival of a shmaltzy Broadway musical. And all four suggest that Toronto is on a nostalgia kick.

The score, as rated by this reviewer: 1 solid hit, 2 so-so medium hits, 1 error.

Let's examine them from the bottom up.

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Beyond The Fringe (at the Bayview Playhouse, 1605 Bayview Ave., 481-6191) is billed as a 25th anniversary revival of the veddy English satirical revue which was deemed a laugh riot when it was originally staged at the 1961 Edinburgh Festival by a bright foursome of young Oxford and Cambridge graduates, Dudley Moore, Jonathan Miller, Peter Cook and Alan Bennett.

Well, the four waggish Canadians who have dredged up the present revival are not young, not English, and — alas! — not funny at all.

Don Cullen, Barrie Baldaro, Roy Wordsworth and David Walden are all old hands at cutting comic capers in local satire shows, ranging from CBC's *Nightcap* to the recent *Cats*, before they indulged themselves in this catastrophe.

I must confess that I found the skits they put together so dated and dreary I sneaked out during the intermission.

They reminded me of four pudgy, middle-aged cutups putting on funny hats and cutesy Colonel Blimpish accents and acting very silly at a rather boozy nostalgia party.

As I made my hurried exit, they were pretending to sing *There'll Always Be An England* on a creaky record in an old hand-cranked RCA Victrola which wheezes to a halt after running out of energy. It's exactly how I felt about the whole witless exercise.

Sum up: Of interest only to British Empire antiquarians who still think that the hoary jokes putting down that quaint colony, the Dominion of Canada, are absolutely hilarious, old boy.

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I'll Be Back Before Midnight (at the St. Lawrence Centre) contains all the claptrap stage devices obligatory for theatregoers who like watching an Agatha Christie who-dun-it melodrama — a spooky farmhouse haunted by ghosts, lights that flicker off in thunder storm, creaking doors and windows, eerie music, screams in the night, and lots of grisly hanky-panky.

Since it was originally staged in 1979 at the Blyth Festival, this hokum thriller by London, Ont., playwright Peter Colley, with clever plot twists reminiscent of Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, has served as summer theatre escapist fare in more than 100 productions around the world.

The trouble with the present $350,000 production is that Toronto director Tony Van Bridge hasn't made up his mind whether it ought to be played as a straight chiller or a campy lampoon of the cliches of that genre. As a result, it teeters ambivalently between giggles and gore.

The four characters involved in this contrived jiggerypokery are a young scientist and his sexy "sister" bent on destroying the sanity of his seemingly flakey wife in a remote haunted house which is looked after by an eccentric, elderly neighbor who loves spinning gruesome tales about local acts of mayhem.

Veteran Toronto actors Jan Rubes, Fiona Reid, Jack Wetherall and Charlotte Moore have fun hamming it up — and so will you watching them, if you don't expect too much from this rattletrap vehicle, which is more laughable than suspenseful.

Sum up: A serviceable meller, not quite up to Agatha Christie standards.

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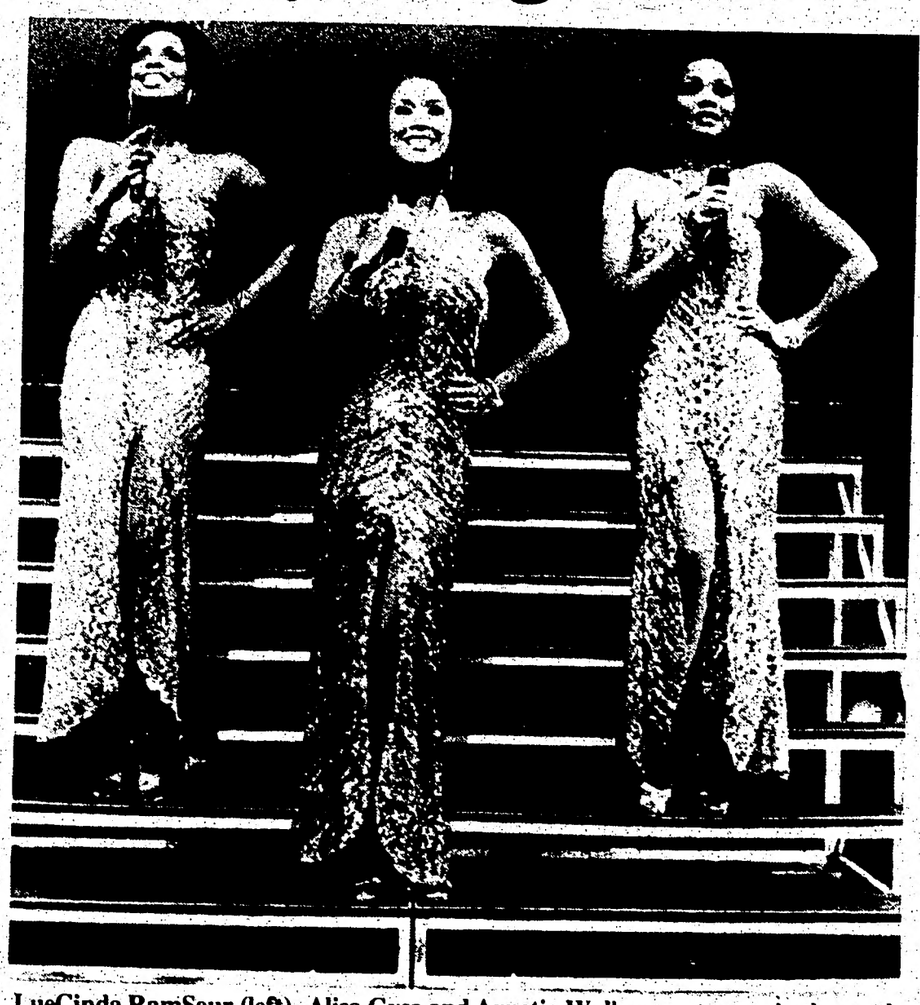
Dreamgirls (at the O'Keefe Centre) is the Motown rhythm and blues musical, staged by *Chorus Line* choreographer Michael Bennett, and the winner of six Tony Awards when it opened on Broadway in 1982.

The present road-company production is not recommended for people with hearing problems. This is a shrill, strident version of the Henry Krieger rock opera, noisy enough to pop your ear drums. The performers are yellers rather than singers.

Neither is the banal story line, strung out by lyricist Tom Eyen to tie together the forgettable songs, compelling enough to interest middle-aged theatregoers.

It's one of those behind-the-scenes showbiz plots loosely based on the 1960s saga of Diana Ross and the Supremes.



LueCinda RamSeur (left), Alisa Gyse and Arnetia Walker co-star as rhythm and blues Motown-style singers in Dreamgirls.

It's about three young Black girls called the Dreamettes who begin by doing backup doo-wahs for a James Brown-like rhythm and blues idol named Jimmy and themselves wind up as stars, with Jimmy hidden in their shadow as a has-been.

In another plot twist, Effie, the Dreamette lead singer with the most powerful voice, is ditched by their conniving manager (villainously described as a "second-rate snake") and replaced by a beautiful clone of the Diana Ross-like character. In the end, all is forgiven and the four Dreams — as they are now billed — sing their dream song of success.

The limp plot and screaming singing of unmemorable melodies are redeemed by the sheer, ebulient energy of the cast of strutting dancers and two standout acting performances by Sharon Brown as the indomitable Effie and Herbert Rawlings as the jettisoned Jimmy.

Sum up: A loud, glitzy musical, probably best enjoyed by young unsophisticates whose ears have been hardened by years of rock.

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Kismet (at the Royal Alexandra Theatre) is one of those oldfashioned, splendiferous, totally escapist musicals that Broadway tunesmiths used to turn out for the so-called tired businessman.

But you don't have to be a world-weary business type to enjoy this $2 million, 110-member extravaganza which Ed and David Mirvish, in conjunction with the Canadian Opera Company, have packaged for your delectation.

Originally staged in London's West End as long ago as 1911, and later transformed into a movie musical spectacular starring Howard Keel and Ann Blyth in 1955, it's a glorious confection spun from moonbeams and myths, minarets and mosques of the Arabian Nights.

It would be pointless to reveal here the nonsensical wisp of a plot, except to say that it serves as an excuse for Metropolitan Opera baritone John Reardon to play the role of that sublime charmer, Hajj the Storyteller, and sing those lustrous melodies cribbed from Alexander Borodin's operas, such as *Stranger In Paradise*.

It also showcases the talents of two marvelous Jewish comedians so hilariously funny that they even steal the show from the caliph's harem of houris and troupe of whirling dervishes.

One is New Yorker Judy Kaye in the role of the slinky coquette Lalume. When belting out *Not Since Ninevah*, she outslinks Mae West and sways and dips more sinuously than the most majestic dromedary of Baghdad.

The other is Toronto comedian Avery Saltzman who plays her husband, the wicked Wazir of Police. When singing the show-stopper, *Was I Wazir?*, Saltzman was indeed a wizard of comic shtik, an inspired Thief of Bad Gags.

Sum up: The word kismet means "destiny," and for its engagement until Aug. 30, *Kismet* is destined to spread lots of gorgeous music and merriment at the Royal Alex.

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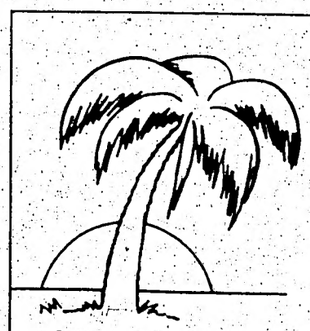
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Training ground for Canadian comics

Breslin's bent for comedy pays off with Yuk Yuk's

By
DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

People love to laugh and if there's one person in Canada responsible for making more Canadians laugh it's Mark Breslin, the man behind Yuk Yuk's, reputedly the world's largest comedy club chain.

Breslin, an affable, funny diminutive man, said he never, ever dreamed of that kind of success when he began promoting comedy nights in the basement of the Church St. community centre 10 years ago.

"It was almost a lark for me when I began," Breslin said recently while relaxing in his trendy Yorkville apartment.

"I never dreamed it would have the legs to last this long and continue to grow."

Breslin grew up in Toronto, attended Forest Hill Collegiate and upon graduating from York University with a degree in English, was what he laughingly terms, "besieged with offers."

The best offer was playing Topper the clown, handing out balloons to kids at Harbourfront.

And while being Topper the clown wasn't exactly Breslin's niche, planning and programming entertainment was, and he soon found himself in that role for Harbourfront.

"Back then there were no venues for comedians except the one night a week at Harbourfront. So I started promoting comedy nights at the Church St. community centre."

These comedy nights became so popular that Breslin rightly assumed that Toronto was ready for a full time comedy club and Yuk Yuk's was born.

Eight years later, there are Yuk Yuk's clubs, coast to coast and more to be opened in such places as New York and London.

While Yuk Yuk's has been a lucrative venture for Breslin, it has been an equally fertile training ground for some of Canada's best and brightest comics.

Everyone from Jim Carey to Howie Mandel to Larry Horowitz have gotten their start at Yuk Yuk's, sweating it out on those through-the-wringer amateur nights.

"To be a good comic," Breslin states, "you have to have a tremendous, almost psychotic need to be loved. A stand up comic is like a lone gunfighter or matador, it's just him and the audience and when he can make them laugh it's a great feeling."

And what of those nights when the stone-faced audience barely emits a titter?

"That's probably the loneliest experience in the world," Breslin says with a voice full of empathy for the hundreds who have tried and died on Yuk Yuk's stages.

But for those who succeed it can have some lucrative payoffs as the current crop of young Jewish comedic stars currently in Hollywood can attest to.

Breslin himself loves to perform and he often hosts

Mark Breslin

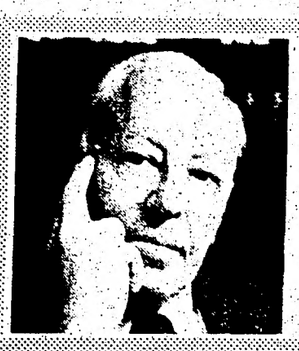
nights at Yuk Yuk's. "I like the challenge of thinking on my feet."

For the future, Breslin will be trying to expand Yuk Yuk's market and bring comedy to as many people as possible, and he feels he has come up with a perfect ad to do so.

"Remember those deli ads that said, 'You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy our food.' Well, our ad will be a picture of a little old lady with a trick arrow through the head and the caption will say, 'You're never too old for Yuk Yuk's.' "

Heartwarming story of an obstinate Jew

Breaking from the KGB, by Maurice Shainberg. Shapolsky Books, $16.95 U.S.



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

This book tells an astonishing, almost unbelievable story. It records the searing experiences of a Polish Jew who endured the destruction of his family and community during the Nazi occupation of his country. It is also an important historical document with hitherto unrevealed information about the infamous Katyn Forest Massacre.

In 1943 in a packed cattlecar on his way to dreaded Treblinka the author clawed his way to freedom. He trudged through the countryside, alive with Poles eager to turn in escaped Jews, until he reached a safe haven with Gentile friends.

Assuming a new identity he posed as a Catholic and soon found a place — based on his experience in fighting the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto — in the newly formed Polish Liberation Army.

As Mieczyslaw Pruzanski — courageous, resourceful and handsome — he spent five years at the Moscow Military Academy and achieved the rank of colonel in the Polish Secret Service. As a KGB intelligence officer he traveled through Europe and was present at the liberation of Auschwitz.

"We saw scenes that were to plunge me in vivid nightmares for the rest of my life. The living dead who were left behind were huddled in piles, their faces and bodies so hideously wasted that it was impossible to tell men from women . . . As we moved about the camp, the unbelievable horrors increased with every step. I shuddered to think that most of my family had probably died in one of these places . . . When they were finally persuaded that we weren't the Gestapo, they began kissing our uniforms. They had no idea that I was Jewish — like them."

In May 1945, bedecked with gold medals awarded by Stalin, he was at 23 the youngest officer to participate in the German surrender at Reims. "I was carrying out the charade of being a Catholic Polish officer, and I was socializing with several of the highest-ranking military officers in the world. One of these officers, a tall, bald man with a constellation of stars on his shoulders, shook hands with me." Only later did he learn that he met the legendary General Eisenhower.

The author is convinced that the Soviets murdered 17,000 Polish officers in the Katyn Forest. As personal aide to a Soviet colonel Shainberg gained access to his diary which revealed unmistakably that the Poles who refused to convert to Communist ideology were exterminated as the Germans advanced into Poland. "The martyred Poles of Katyn still lie in mass graves. Indeed, it is difficult to say which was the more repulsive government — that of the Nazis or that of the Soviets."

After 10 years of deception the author finally revealed his true identity as a Jew. Imprisoned for about a year he was eventually able to use his high level contacts to emigrate with his family to Israel.

Unhappy, he was harassed in Israel by Communists who knew of his past. Reluctantly, after a series of trials and tribulations, he made his way with his family to the United States where he is now a successful businessman.

This riveting account is the heartwarming story of an obstinate Jew who never forgot his identity or forsook his ideals in the midst of pervasive cruelty, terror and war. Breaking From the KGB rings true from start to finish and is an eye-opening and compelling testament.

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Arts

Tour of the Universe tiring

Futuristic fantasy loses glitter after too long a wait

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

For $7 ($4 for children), visitors to media entrepreneur Moses Znaimer's Tour of the Universe at the CN Tower get a 6-minute simulated space shuttle flight to Jupiter and about 1½ hours of waiting.

The experience would not be unlike driving out to and undergoing extensive embarkation procedures at Toronto airport for a flight to nearby Buttonville.

The passenger's log reads as follows:

3.45 p.m.: Arrived at CN Tower after a 45-minute bus and subway trip from the Eglinton and Bayview area. Blundered way to Tour departure elevator (at base of tower, some 50 ft. to the left of escalators bringing all visitors to tower). Waited 5 minutes. Told tickets needed to be purchased separately further down the hall.

4.10: Ticket arranged at one of three computerized sales desk staffed by uniformed attendants. Wall behind them is a long glass mural showing space shuttles flitting among the planets. Small lineup is directed by bank-style chains. Back to elevator now, with plasticized entry ticket hanging around neck, to wait for departure, set for 4.38.

4.40: Elevator attendants summon passengers, who line up at doors and listen to Tour concept. They will be simultaneously "transported" 33 years in the future and 1,150 ft. below the CN tower.

4.45: Passengers enter elevator, which starts flashing as computer-like woman's voice describes trip. Leave within a minute through rear doors of elevator to line up at the entry gate to pre-departure lobby.

High point of lobby is a 64-monitor display wall showing a preliminary flight film. There is also an exhibit of plaques marking significant dates in space transport history, a small booth showing models of several organs capable of regeneration, and a real gyroscopic astronaut trainer. It will apparently be operated like a ride once insurance is cleared.

Passengers wander around the largely empty lounge for about another 20 minutes. A circle of seats around two pillars accommodates about half the passengers, and the lounge is far from crowded.

A tall, bizarre looking man wearing a tin pot on his head wanders around. He turns out to be not one of Toronto's colorful denizens sneaking in for a free show, but a "miner from outer space."

5.15 The passengers line up again at another set of consoled clearance gates, to answer questions about what part of the universe they are from, whether they are bio-reconstructed, and so forth. The man with the tin pot entertains waiting passengers with tales of his experiences.

Another lineup awaits passengers after a short corridor walk. The medical control officer, medcon, organizes them into a double line for "inoculation" against space diseases by a laser. "It's effective and excruciatingly painful," he jokes. "Just kidding . . . Ahhhh!" Passengers go through two by two, and down a stairway.

The concrete blocks of the walls, while brightly painted, are more reminiscent of a warehouse than a spaceport deep in the bowels of the Earth.

In the departure lounge, passengers exchange their plastic tickets for an Earth Citizens' Offworld Passport, blending futuristic and present transportation jargon. The passport has a few individualized details printed on it, information registered from the clearance gates.

5.25: Passengers fill up seats in final departure lounge, waiting for rest of group. Again, not enough seats. The medcon's cry of "Just kidding . . . Ahhh!" wafts down to us two more times.

Ther initial amusement on the passengers' faces has long passed. Unsure smiles have by now been replaced by barren gazes. How does one react to a futuristic fantasy after it has worn paper thin?

5.40: Passengers admitted into the cabin of the space shuttle. We fumble with the seat belts in the dark.

5.48: The shuttle's chief officer, a Capt. Moses, welcomes the passengers from side consoles.

5.50: The windshield of the shuttle begins to fill up with what would be seen in a flight to a Jovian moon. The cabin rocks appropriately.

5.56: The "flight" is over. The passengers begin to shuffle out the exit door, which leads smack into the souvenir shop. The passengers do not linger.

Debra Winger and Robert Redford star as defence attorney Laura Kelly and assistant district attorney Tom Logan in the film, Legal Eagles.

Lacks impact

Legal Eagles fails to find wings

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Ivan Reitman's latest film, *Legal Eagles*, needs wings to make it fly.

Legal Eagles, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is billed as a comedy thriller. It may be a comedy, but is is certainly no thriller.

Legal Eagles revolves around the exploits of two lawyers, Tom Logan (Robert Redford) and Laura Kelly (Debra Winger), who risk life and limb to get to the bottom of a complicated art fraud and murder.

Logan is a handsome, loquacious single father who's a terror in a courtroom. He's an assistant district attorney and he's on his way to the top. Or so his boss assures him.

Our talented counselor stumbles when he gets sexually entangled with Chelsea Deardon (Daryl Hannah), the weird daughter of an artist who was murdered 18 years before.

Laura, having set her sights on Logan, saves him from the fate he really doesn't deserve. The two team up to find the villains and expose them to the world.

Redford and Winger turn in superior performances in the face of a listless, labyrinthine script. Redford has a knack for delivering delicious comic routines that remind a viewer of Cary Grant. Winger, who appeared in *Terms of Endearment*, **an altogether excellent film, is attractive and winsome and bouncy.**

Daryl Hannah, who gives the glazed impression of being high on drugs, cannot keep pace with Redford and Winger. She drags down the film.

But Brian Dennehy, who plays the part of a bogus detective, and Terence Stamp, who portrays an arrogant art dealer, are effective in their roles.

The problem with Legal Eagles is that it is bereft of any genuine tension. As such, it can hardly be called a thriller. The eerie music that sometimes precedes a sudden twist in the convoluted plot is no substitute for real action.

Legal Eagles is not a poor film, since Redford and Winger redeem it a little. But they cannot perform miracles, and Legal Eagles remains a so-so picture to the end.

Moonstruck lovers targets of comedy

TORONTO —

A 200-year-old Italian comedy, which pokes fun at moonstruck lovers, at status, money and the theatre itself, will be presented to Toronto audiences in a new Canadian translation.

Annie Szamosi and Elva Mai Hoover have translated Carlo Goldoni's *La Locandeira*, and under its new title, *The Mistress Of The Inn*, it will be presented from July 21 to 26 by the Masterclass Theatre Company at the Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave.

Directed by Laszlo Marton, artistic director of the Budapest Comedy Theatre, this tale of a professed woman-hater who meets his match in the doughty Mirandolina will feature a Toronto cast including Dora Award nominee Mary Ellen Mahoney, Les Carlson and Zakary Graham.

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Miro, Picasso, Chagall highlight galleries' offerings

gallery gatherings

By RON CSILLAG

Albert White Gallery: Works by Miro, Picasso, Chagall and Lichtenstein. 80 Spadina Ave., 865-1021.

Alexander's Beau Monde Art Gallery: Works by Erte, Lebedang and original and signed lithos by Israeli artists Arie, Ebgi and Shemi. 37 Staffern Dr., unit 3, Concord. 738-1227.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Major exhibits include minimalist and conceptual art through Aug. 17; Picasso's only cubist sculpture, Head of a Woman, on view to Aug. 9; a selection of prints from the Canadian Historical Collection, to Aug. 31; sculptor Bernie Miller's aqua sculpture Learn to Throw Your Voice on view to Aug. 24. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Prints by several artists to July 12; contemporary stone sculpture from Zimbabwe to July 15. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: Drawings and sculpture by Mary Janitch, to July 17. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

First Impressions Gallery: A group show of original lithos, serigraphs and drawings by contemporary international artists such as Tobiasse, Moore and Agam, to July 31. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Gallery Moos: Recent watercolors by Harley Parker, to July 16; group exhibit of gallery artists through July. 136 Yorkville., 922-0627.

Gallery NYAC: A group show of 18 fibre artists, spinners and weavers, in cooperation with Convergence '86, in which 2,300 fibre artists will convene in Toronto, to July 27. 7 Edithvale Dr., 225-4486.

Gallery TPW: The Toronto Photographer's Workshop presents photographs by Susan McEachern, to Aug. 9. 80 Spadina Ave., 362-4242.

Garnet Press: Litho Printing/Gallery: *Vicious Circles:* Mixed media drawings and paintings by Paul Collins to July 12. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *New Vistas:* American art pottery from 1880 to 1930; to Aug. 16; pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica continues. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: The 7th anniversary exhibit of gallery artists, to Aug. 2. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Glendon Gallery: Large scale, multi-paneled graphite drawings by Richard Pottruff, to July 25. 2275 Bayview Ave., 487-6206.

Hollander York Gallery: Group exhibit of gallery artists through July. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

John B. Aird Gallery: Wall works and sculpture executed in fibre. Part of Convergence '86, to July 25. 900 Bay St.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Recent prints by Gene Chu and paintings by Jim Reid, both to July 10; a juried tapestry exhibit, part of Convergence '86, to Aug. 16. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: The Pierre Pauli International Tapestry Collection from Switzerland, the highlight of Convergence '86, to July 31. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-1880.

Market Gallery: *For the Curious: The City's Archives Collection:* The best of Toronto's archives: paintings, photographs, maps, records and other documents never before displayed, to October. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: A retrospective by Angus Trudeau continues until August. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: An exhibit of modern still lifes, to July 30; prints by international artists, including David Hockney, Jasper Johns, Joan Miro and Henry Moore, to Aug. 30. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Photography Gallery: *Giving Birth is Just the Beginning*, an installation by Judith Crawley, July 11 to Sept. 7. At Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Royal Ontario Museum: The ROM features three new galleries: The Greek World, Early Italy and the Etruscans and Bronze and Iron Age Europe, showcasing over 2,000 artifacts by the ancients; exhibits include Canada's Handwoven Heritage, a collection of 19th and 20th century Canadian handweaving, to next January; Silver From the Growing Collections, an exhibit of 40 silver pieces, to October; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery to December; rare Jewish artifacts originating from Kaifeng, China, on indefinitely; Glimpses of Excellence, a collection of vases from the 1st century BC to the 16th century, on loan from Elie Borowski, to August; Buddhist and Hindu stone sculptures on indefinitely. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

Studio Raab: Toronto's newest studio features bronze sculpture and interior designs by Ernie Raab. 11 Bentworth Ave., 785-3417.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: *Transient Earth Structures:* An installation by New York artist Herb Parker, to October. 115 King St. E.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: A group show by six gallery artists, through August. 80 Spadina, 364-8716.

Yaneff Gallery: Women as seen by various masters, including Picasso and El Greco, through August. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

York University Art Gallery: *Chisel and Brush:* Inuit printmaking techniques, to July 18. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 667-3441.

YYZ: Art in magazines, to July 12. 116 Spadina Ave., 367-0601.

Top talent set for Sound festival

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The Festival of the Sound, in Parry Sound (about 140 miles north of Toronto), ranks with Tanglewood as being one of North America's biggest summer music series.

But unlike Tanglewood, which presents full-size Boston Symphony concerts, Parry Sound specializes in chamber music, and therefore has its own character including master classes. Many of Canada's top classical performers are featured.

In this year's festival (July 18-Aug. 10), the artistic director will be James Campbell, the clarinetist who is best remembered for his long-standing membership in the 1970s Camerata ensemble which also included pianist Elyakim Taussig and Suzanne Shulman.

Campbell is very pleased that the renowned pianist and founder of the festival, Anton Kuerti, is returning to perform an all-Beethoven program on July 23 in the Celebrity Series.

Kuerti will be joined in the concert by Kristine Bogo to play a Beethoven cello concerto, and will perform in a chamber concert on July 30.

On July 25, a new work by the Canadian composer Glen Buhr, entitled Quintet for Piano and Electric Strings, will receive its world premiere, performed by pianist Doug Riley, the Armin Electric Strings and double bassist Dave Young.

Another premiere is the first Canadian performance of George Shearing's Music to Hear, performed by the Elmer Iseler Singers under Elmer Iseler with pianist Gene diNovi and double bassist Joel Quarrington.

One of the highlight events will take place Aug. 7 when an evening of Russian music will be presented featuring the Borodin Trio, Rivka Golani, and James Campbell.

The late Benny Goodman will be honored at a special Swing Era concert on July 27 which will be part of a 3-day jazz spectacular, with James Campbell re-creating the immortal Goodman sound.

Joining Campbell will be some of this continent's most authentic interpreters of the 1930s swing sound: pianist Gene diNovi, vibraphonist Peter Appleyard, trumpeter Paul Grosney, vocalist Kirstin Campbell, trombonist Bob Livingston, double bassist Dave Young and drummer Jerry Fuller. This concert will be repeated in Milford Bay the following evening, Aug. 28.

The Island Queen plays hostess to three cruise-concerts during the Festival of the Sound.

There will also be three cruise concerts on Georgian Bay aboard the Island Queen, a modern and comfortable 3-deck vessel. Included will be the Thirteen Strings of Ottawa, Toronto Consort, the Canadian Saxaphone Quintet, Borgy's Banjo Reunion and the Elmer Iseler Singers.

Children are never forgotten in the Festival of the Sound, and again this year there are three delightful programs in the Children's Corner series on Saturday mornings: Meet the Musical Instruments on July 19 with festival artists, What's in a Tune with Gene diNovi and James Campbell on July 26, and the Inner Stage musical story theatre company stages The Raven Trilogy set to music by Marc Chollett on Aug. 2.

Other ensembles participating will include the percussion ensemble Nexus, the Varsovia String Quartet, and the Thirteen Strings of Ottawa. CBC-FM's Arts National will be broadcasting most of the events.

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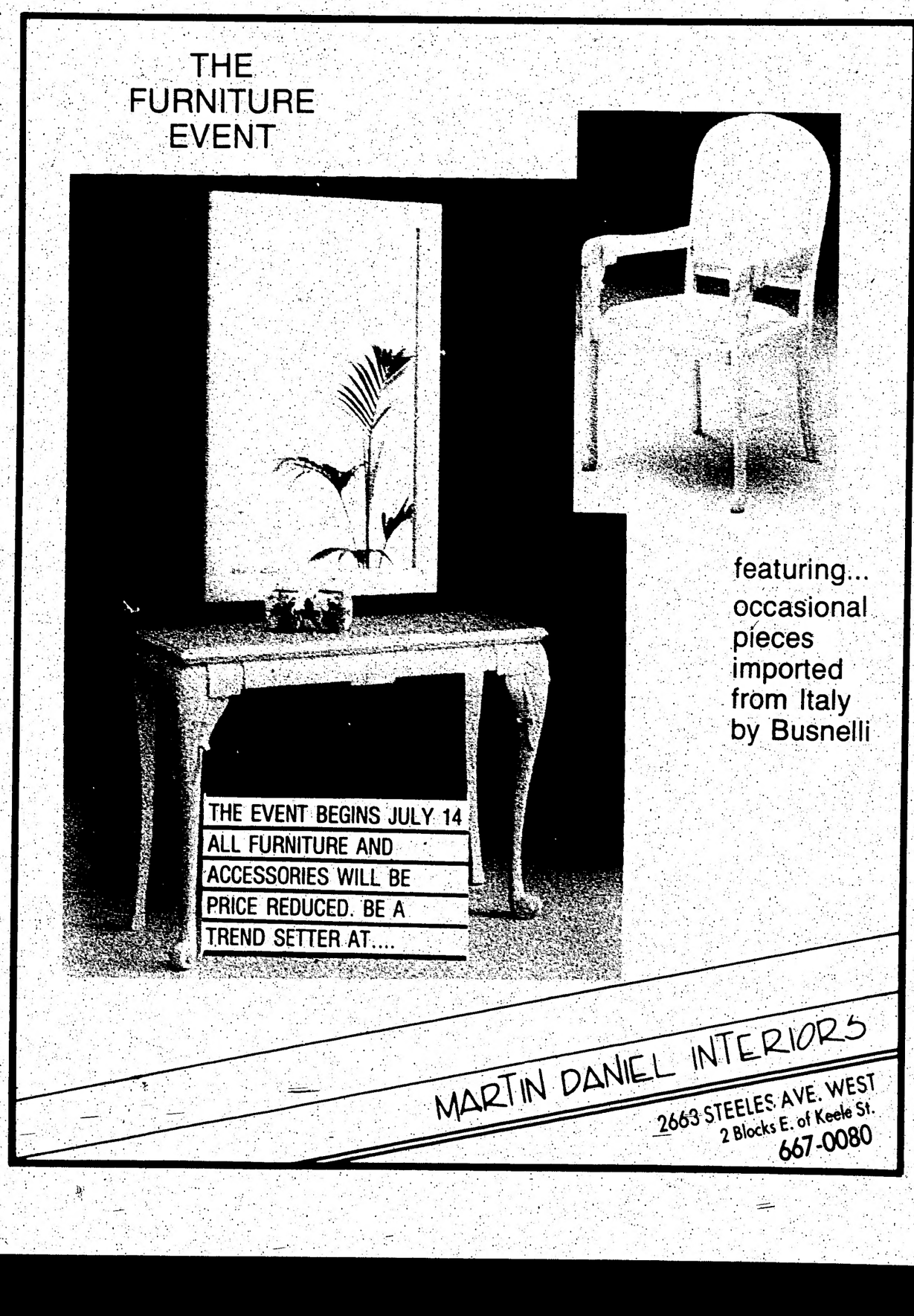
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Arts

Artist Howard Fox with one of his original ketubahs called The Musicians, depicting David playing his harp and two biblical characters accompanying him. In the background is Jerusalem.

Howard Fox ketubahs show mystical quality

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Artist Howard Fox has taken his 11 years of creative, professional, artistic experiences in pen and ink drawings, water colors and oils, and added the art of making ketubahs (Jewish marriage contracts) to his successful diversified works.

Two years ago, when his cousin was getting married, the bearded artist decided to create an original ketubah for the bride and groom. His illuminated manuscript art was so well received, says Fox, that on the night of the wedding, he had several requests and he found himself in a new venture.

"I have created more than 30 original ketubahs," he says. "Not only for newlyweds but for some couples who are already married. It is a symbol of affirmation for a couple marking an anniversary."

For more than 2,000 years, explains Fox, the ketubah was the written covenent between the bride and groom. Although the Aramaic-Hebrew text has not changed, the decorative art that enhances the beauty of the ketubah changes. The art reflects the esthetics of Jewish life in the Diaspora and in Israel.

To create an original ketubah, Fox meets with the couple to discuss their interests, family background, and their artistic tastes. He then creates a concept and format during their meeting. Fox says he is constantly sketching and using colors to determine the exact cultural and artistic preferences.

For a couple from Alaska who wanted Alaska linked with Israel, Fox designed a ketubah that included a map of Alaska with the Hebrew text set into the map. He then blended Israeli and Alaskan landscapes including a touch of wild life from Alaska, a moose, and an Alaskan brown bear.

And when a woman from Winnipeg was getting married to a man from Zimbabwe, they requested a blend of African, Canadian and Israeli settings and symbols. Fox set the Hebrew into a map of Africa, surrounded by Canadian landscapes and recurring themes of Israel.

When a Russian woman married a Canadian, Fox painted a river that runs through the centre of the ketubah. On one side of the river, he painted the Toronto skyline and on the other, Russian architecture.

Fox decided to make art his full-time career in 1974. After completing William Lyon McKenzie Collegiate, Fox spent a year in Israel at Kibbutz Alonim. He returned to Toronto and completed a fine arts degree at York University.

In 1979, he returned to Israel for a year and began his serious art endeavors. "In Israel, rather than feeling like a minority, I found myself viewing life as a human being rather than a minority and my work began to reflect a universal theme with statements and judgments on society."

Fox combines figures and landscapes creating a mystical quality. "My art is communicative, it gives me the freedom to deal with the questions of societies both political and social."

Fox explains that by creating ketubahs, it allows him to deal with Jewish themes and pure esthetics. "The creation of a ketubah is the creation of a piece of art that is solely meant to be beautiful and spiritual."

Fox's ketubahs cost from $550 to $1,000. A showing of his ketubahs will be held at the Beth Tzedec Congregation throughout the summer.

On Sept. 14, Fox will have a 1-man exhibit of watercolors and oils at the Michael Gilbert Gallery on Eglinton Ave. These original pieces are priced from $1,000.

"I've persevered and I continue doing the work I enjoy doing, not influenced by passing fads in the arts," says the 31-year-old artist.

"My major influences are the people I see around me, my imagination and my travels."

Working in various mediums, Fox has been featured in 1-man exhibitions in Toronto and Tel Aviv and in many group exibitions in Toronto, Montreal, Tel Aviv and in the United States. He has received awards for his drawings.

For more information on his ketubahs or art works, call Howard Fox at (416) 789-9931.

Characters struggle after N-war

Macbeth put in 1990s setting

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A *Macbeth* with a modern-day Jewish flavor?

The idea seems as provocative as it is unlikely.

Yet that's what you will find in the Skylight Theatre's open-air production of Shakespeare's classic tragedy of murder, guilt and vengeful retribution, which opened recently for a run until July 27 in North York's Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

The man responsible for this intriguing twist is Lewis Baumander, 34, the theatre's scholarly Jewish artistic director.

He has placed Shakespeare's 17th-century melodrama of battling Scottish warlords in a 1990 setting.

He imagines the characters struggling for survival of the fittest in a bleak Scotland which has been ravaged by a nuclear war, not unlike the Holocaust which destroyed 6 million Jews.

He sees Lord and Lady Macbeth (played by Richard Monette and Louisa Martin) not as the power-hungry murderers as they are conventionally characterized.

Lewis Baumander

Rather, he envisions them as victims struggling against forces of their time they can neither comprehend nor control.

"I'm interested in examining how a self-destroying event, like a Holocaust, affects individuals," Baumander told The CJN in an interview.

"And I'm interested further," he said, "in exploring how the survivors of such catastrophes cope with the old and new morality they must face."

Baumander believes he inherited his two prime Jewish attributes — "tenacity and understanding of the underdog" — from his grandfather, Moishe Baumander, an immigrant grocer from Kiev, Russia, and his father, Harold, a longtime operator of Harold's Quality Food Store at Keele and Wilson.

"I guess I also acquired from them the melancholy Russian soul," says Baumander, a graduate of York University's theatre division, where he wrote gloomy, soul-searching tragedies before switching to the direction of plays.

He's looking forward to directing a traditional, 4-month season of plays when the Skylight's new 1,500-seat $1.8 million outdoor amphitheatre opens in 1987.

Meanwhile, he's preparing the Skylight Young Company's production of *Rip Van Winkle* which will be staged from this Aug. 6 to 30 on the brow of a hill before a potential audience of 2,000 at Earl Bales Park.

As with *Macbeth*, admission is free, and Baumander suggests you bring a picnic lunch.

For more information, phone (416) 630-4900.

Animated flick charms

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Walt Disney's latest feature-length animated film, *The Great Mouse Detective*, delivers a lot.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, The Great Mouse Detective is technically accomplished and utterly charming.

And if the reactions of my two daughters (aged 4 and 11) are anything to go by, kids will enjoy it.

The film, which is based on Eve Titus' children's book, *Basil of Baker Street*, appeals to adults as well.

The year is 1897 and the people of Britain are due to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilee.

A kindly toy maker, Flaversham, is kidnapped by Fidget, a peg-legged bat with broken wings. Fidget is in the service of Rattigan, an evil professor at odds with his arch enemy, Basil, the consummate detective modeled after Sherlock Holmes.

Rattigan, whose voice is supplied by Vincent Price, wants to depose Queen Victoria, turn Britain into a totalitarian state and take over the empire.

He almost succeeds, being a very clever, determined man.

Rattigan is foiled by Basil and his fumbling assistant, Dawson, who bears a striking resemblance to Watson, Holmes' sidekick.

Flaversham is reunited with his daughter, Olivia, and there is a happy ending.

The Great Mouse Detective compares favorably with Disney pictures like *Snow White* and *101 Dalmatians*. The characters, though based on animals, seem life-like enough, and the animation is simply magnificent.

The kids will like it.

VACATION TIME

It's almost vacation time again for the staff of The CJN and we'll be closing down for two weeks so our staffers can enjoy an uninterrupted holiday.

Our offices will be closed from July 21 to Aug. 5, which means we will not be publishing the issues of July 31 and Aug. 7.

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Miami shows it's more than summer vacation spot

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

This winter vacation destination for many Canadians will also hum with activity for summer vacationers. Ranging from musical to sporting events, there will be plenty to do for spectators and participants.

The Everglades International Music and Crafts Festival is planned for July 18 to 20 at the Miccosukee Indian Village near Miami. Many North American Indian tribes will attend this summer festival, with Indian music, song and dance, but also native food.

The Lee Evans annual bowling tournament will be held for the 24th time at Miami's Cloverleaf Lanes, Aug. 2 to 9, with amateur bowlers from 23 countries competing. The Tournament of the Americas, Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, is an international amateur golf tournament at the Doral Country Club, with players from 24 countries in the Americas participating.

The Miami Centre For Fine arts holds an exhibition this summer of early 20th century Canadian and United States painters. The Advent of Modernism is a showing of 120 paintings, including works by Canadians Emily Carr, Tom Thomson and James Wilson Morrice.

Summer visitors to Miami will be able to use the downtown Metromover, an elevated transit system circling the business district, the first part of which began service this spring. It connects with the 21-mile long Metrorail county-wide transportation system.

A new $25 million elevated bridge, William Powell Bridge, replaces the Rickenbacker Causeway, linking the mainland Miami area to Key Biscayne. The causeway is being retained as a permanent fishing pier.

For those interested in the Art Deco area of Miami Beach, the Carlyle and the Leslie hotels at 13th St. and Ocean Drive, have been completely restored to their 1930s appearance. At 9th St. and Ocean Drive the Waldorf Towers has also been renovated. And on 5th St. the Deco Plaza has a complete art deco style health club.

Museum of Fine Arts at Miami where there will be an exhibition this summer Advent of Modernism, including 20th century Canadian paintings.

On the Gulf Coast in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area there are few attractions for those who come this summer to the Bosch Gardens Dark Continent. A Music Express is a musical history revue at the Marrakesh Theatre in the Morocco section of the African continent make-believe theme park. There is also a new Moroccan Palace theatre with a Broadway style musical revue. There are more animals in the park, a collection of African and Asian elephants, Nile crocodiles, dromedary camels and new display area for American bald eagles.

Orlando in central Florida has new hotels and attractions in the Walt Disney World area, such as the 1,503-room Marriott Orlando World Centre, just five minutes from Disney's Epcot Centre.

The Hyatt Orlando hotel opened a completely kosher restaurant and convention area this spring, the first of its kind in this part of Florida. The kosher fcilities will operate under rabbinical supervision of the New York based Orthodox Union.

Some hotels and areas in Florida are accepting Canadian dollars at par this summer, as well as in the fall. One such is the Jupiter Beach Hilton at Jupiter, not far north of Palm Beach on the Atlantic coast. The hotel announced recently that during 1986 it will accept Canadian dollars at par for rooms on an availability basis.

In the Orlando area is the new Mercado Festival Centre, a dining, shopping and entertainment complex built in the style of a Mediterranean village which opened this spring. Besides the 50 shops and many restaurants there is daily entertainment including musicians, belly dancers, jazz combos, puppeteers, clowns and jugglers.

Elsewhere in Florida there are festivals on various types. In mid-August the Days In Spain Festival will be at St. Augustine which this year marks its 421st birthday as the oldest community in the U.S.

All August will see an International Wine Festival at Boca Raton with automobile road races, polo tournaments, musical events, arts and crafts shows.

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Travel

Guide to Expo 86

Minor pavilions are often the most interesting ones

By
FRANK RASKY

This is the third of three articles by CJN staff writer FRANK RASKY on the best (and worst) of Expo 86.

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VANCOUVER —

We herewith wind up our handy-dandy guide to the pleasures of Vancouver's Expo 86 by also including some of the perils which should be avoided by wary fairgoers.

The major booby traps to be shunned are the disappointing pavilions offered by the Big Three supernations. You get the feeling that the U.S., the Soviet Union and China have signed a big-power pact promising to be stupefyingly boring.

The first two have crammed their gigantic pavilions with a braggadocio of space gadgetry, so loaded with technical data that it would even scare off a Steven Speilberg *Star Wars* freak.

As for the pavilion tossed together by the Peoples' Republic of China, it looks like a mammoth garage sale — a jumble of furniture and jewelry gewgaws for sale. The bargain-basement trade warehouse effect is redeemed just barely by a display of bricks purportedly part of the Great China Wall.

In addition, you'd be advised to steer clear of the China pavilion's restaurant, which boasts that its chefs imported from Peking prepare the apex of Oriental cuisine.

I found the food mediocre and pricey. The service, by waitresses touted to be specially trained in Peking, is deplorable; and you're even charged 50 cents for two crummy fortune cookies.

For really first-rate, authentic Oriental cuisine, I suggest you try the Flamingo or the Fairyland in Vancouver's splendid Chinatown.

Equally disappointing is the pavilion that seems to have been stuck together in a hurry by Japan, British Columbia's major trading neighbor on the Pacific Rim. It includes a film cartoon allegedly on international travel which I found utterly bewildering, and a miniature version of Japan's train system, which left me yawning.

Now that we've dispensed with the clunkers, here's a grabbag of culinary and pavilion attractions I'd recommend. Though they didn't rate my hit parade list, they're nevertheless worthy of attention.

Folklife: Billed as "the largest folk festival ever," this pavilion is a lovely place to relax. It offers 25 free shows daily that feature the crafts, music and dance of Canada's aboriginal and immigrant culture.

I missed the show of Yiddish melodies performed here by Winnipeg's Finjan Klezmer Orchestra. But I had a wonderful time watching Blackfoot Indian and Quebec clog dancers do their stuff.

Best Snack: It's the barbecued salmom on a Salish Indian bannock prepared while you wait by members of that British Columbia tribe on the midway outside of the Folkway pavilion. It'll set you back $3.75 and it tastes as delicious as it smells.

Best Cafe for Viewing Fireworks: A window seat in the Ontario pavilion's airy, glass-walled Trilium Restaurant provides a terrific vantage point for watching the nightly 10.30 p.m. fireworks display. At $8.25, the Kensington Market-style smoked salmon on pumpernickel with cream cheese and horseradish, prepared by Franco Prevedello of Toronto's Pronto restaurant, is a bit stiff in price. As compensation, though, you hear magnificent music supplied by the 18-piece Humber College Jazz Band.

Most Memorable Sight: Most awesome is the Canada pavilion, topped by five soaring fibreglass sails, which makes it look like a beautiful galleon about to sail away. Most amusing, though, is the evangelist in front of the pavilion bearing a sandwich board which proclaims stridently: "Can you be saved? Repent or Suffer Forever!"

Most Spectacular Museum Treasure: You're bound to be dazzled by the 80 necklaces, breast plates and bracelets worth $30 million borrowed from the Cairo Museum and exhibited in the Egypt pavilion under the billing of *Ramses II and His Times*.

Most Laid-Back Pavilion: You'll probably reach the point where you'll feel like screaming if you see another cliche film showing voyageurs shooting the rapids in yet another birchback canoe. To rest your eyes glazed by that sort of *deja vue*, try the Saskatchewan pavilion.

Combining live action with a widescreen, they've created a delightfully sentimental film about a Saskatchewan girl who leaves her bald prairie for the big city. But in the end, though, the heart tug of home is too compelling, and, as in any good love story, she returns to embrace her rural beau.

Most Fun for Kids: It's at the Alberta pavilion, where they've provided children with a dandy slide and adults with a rootin' tootin', ki-yi-yippin' action film that's the ultimate tribute to the Calgary Stampede.

As an extra bonus, the walls are papered with witty quips quoted from the columns of Bob Edwards, publisher of the Calgary Eye Opener. This sample quote, which appeared in the 1930s, might well equally apply as a come-on to visitors who hope to be beguiled at the Vancouver fair: "If exhibits bore you to death and you don't care a damn for horse racing, come anyhow!"

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Typical of "immigrants cultural entertainment" performed at Vancouver's Expo 86 Folklife pavilion was the concert of Yiddish melodies by Winnipeg's Finjan Klezmir Orchestra. [Peter Tittenberger photo]

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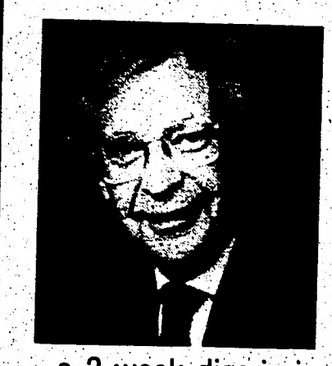
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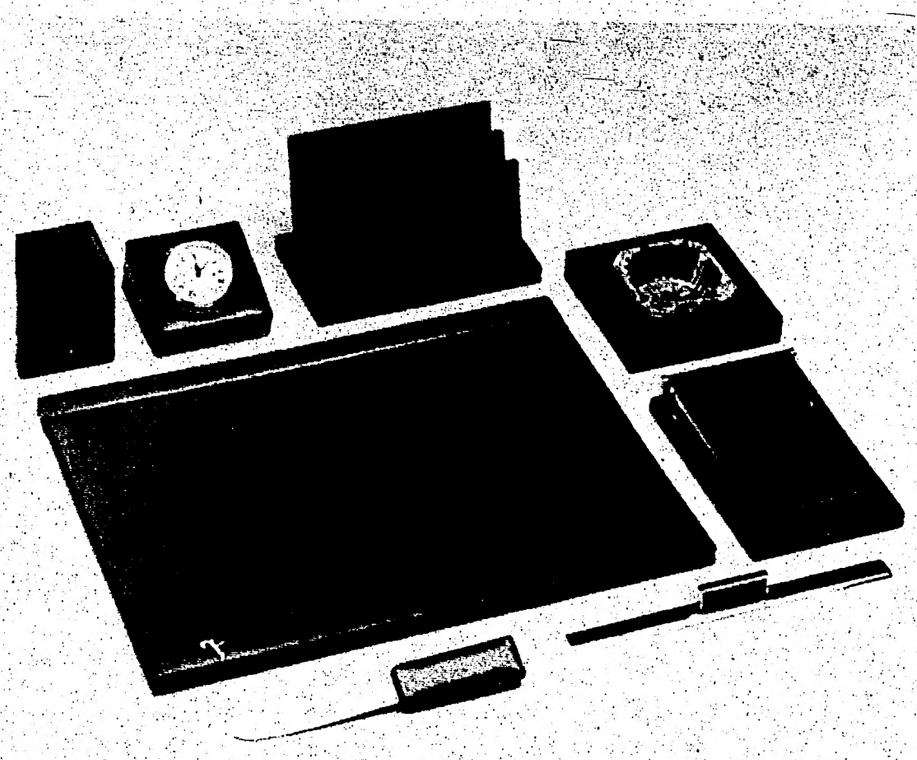
TORONTO —
Desk sets have joined fountain pens in an unprecedented comeback, according to Carlo Lanzi.

He and his wife Yolanda are the proprietors of Lanzi of Italy, 123 Yorkville Ave., where soft lights and the whiff of fine leathers caress the exclusive gift shop's latest addition: a glass and wood pen bar housing some of the world's finest writing instruments.

"There has been a definite return to the fountain pen," Lanzi told The Canadian Jewish News. "Executives have been buying and receiving them for the past couple of years. Now other people are buying them as well, people who have not seen a fountain pen since they finished public school decades ago. Fountain pens have also become fashionable again as graduation and bar or bat mitzvah gift.

Possible reasons for their renewed popularity, he suggests, include: nostalgia; a revolt against mass produced stick pens; a personal statement of identity; and the pens' obvious "touch of class."

Identity, that touch of class, and the subdued demonstration of authority figure prominently in the substantial new popularity of desk sets.



Upper mid-priced desk set sells for $800.

"People want a more elegant and traditional look for their desks," said Lanzi: "Executives who have prided themselves on keeping the tops of their massive office desks shining and bare now buy appropriate desk sets to heighten their display of authority."

Lanzi's desk sets, like his valises, suitbags, portfolios, and attache and brief cases, are of leather. Many are crafted for him in Italy by small independent artisans working "in the good old-fashioned way," he said. Others are custom made here in Canada.

A blotter and accessories for an office desk begins at $100 and can cost over $1,000, depending on how many pieces there are in the set. An 18-piece crocodile skin set can be ordered for $10,000. Sets for home desks are smaller; some can be folded up and put away like portfolios.

Available to complement them, for the executive who has wearied of plastic covers, are subtly impressive items like leather 3-ring binders.

Two months ago, Lanzi set up a display bar — complete with brass foot rail — for his burgeoning line of elegant European and U.S. pens. "We have one of the finest selections in Toronto," said Lanzi. This was if anything an understatement. Sparkling under glass like jewels were the titans of pendom: Mont Blancs, Elysees, Parkers and Shaeffers. No traditionalist would fail to obtain writing pleasure from a Reform pen, an established line from Germany recently arrived in Toronto.

Lanzi began selling pens several years ago with the Mont Blanc line. The German-made Mercedes Benz of fountain pens sells from $61 for a slim stainless steel model to the posh $365 gold-nibbed Diplomat. The latter, Lanzi says, can be used for hours on end without bringing on writer's cramp. The Diplomat can be ordered in an all gold barrel and cap. Cost fluctuates with the price of gold. At this writing, it's $11,000.

Porsche Design, again from Germany, boasts a modernistic titanium body. Top of the line, also $365, comes nestled in a rosewood case.

The French-inspired German-made Elysee has a slim solid- or lacquer-colored body and distinct little triangular nib. It is a striking fusion of tradition and modernity. Price ranges from $35 to $150.

Reform is a Heidelberg-based firm that has been manufacturing to specification for other pen companies for generations. Fountain pens under its own name begin at about $20 and end at $750. The latter model has a polished wood body and barrel, as well as an 18-ct. gold nib.

Parker, the arrow clip solid aristocrat of U.S. fountain pens, offers a variety of styles in the $30-$50 range. Top of the line is $300, with a gold nib and a sterling silver body.

Shaeffer's gold-plated Targa line runs from $30 to $70. The long-established U.S. firm also makes a variety of desk pens, in stands of marble or wood, with or without clocks, calendars, note pad holders and other accessories.

Lanzi also delights in what he calls his "unusual" pens. These include a Write Lite ballpoint ($12) for work in the dark, a 4-color Reform ballpoint ($15), a 4-nib Reform calligraphy set ($30), a ballpoint with paper cutter inside ($11), and a leather-covered capless ballpoint ($40) that fits a wooden inkwell with brass name tag (another $40) just beautifully.

Popular drink meets demand for schnapps

TORONTO —
In its original form, schnapps was a fiery, unrefined spirit, popular during the long winter months that plagued Northern Europe. Through the years, schnapps was slowly refined until the proof dropped and they became a little sweeter.

People who had never before even tried schnapps, were becoming dedicated fans. As the popularity of schnapps grew, so did the demand for new flavors.

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Business Outlook

Diamonds' sparkle unclouded by unrest

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

TEL AVIV — Growing unrest in South Africa doesn't unduly disturb Israel's diamond industry, says Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange and honorary president of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses.

Schnitzer feels certain that the London-based Diamond Trading Co. — which supplies cutting and polishing firms in Israel with rough stones mined in the Soviet Union, Australia, South Africa and various states in Black Africa — will go on operating as usual whatever happens in Kimberley or Johannesburg.

People here have reason to hope that Schnitzer's optimism is justified, for diamonds bring in $1.5-billion a year and account for one-third of Israel's industrial exports, more than any other single sector.

To be sure, Israel has to pay for the rough stones that her 900 factories and workshops process and her 2,000 merchants sell, but that still leaves a net profit to the economy of some $300 million. In addition, the diamond industry provides employment for over 20,000 people.

Israel holds a pre-eminent position in the diamond world: its companies polish 50% of all gem diamonds and over 80% of the medium-sized stones known as Melees. So it is only natural that the country recently hosted the 23rd World Diamond Congress, at which the guest of honor was diamond magnate Harry Oppenheimer.

While Oppenheimer, unlike Schnitzer, is very much worried about what is happening in South Africa, he nevertheless came here — together with his children, grandchildren and top De Beers executives — because a diamond museum bearing his name is to be dedicted at the end of the congress.

Many displays featured

There are two other such museums in the world, one in Belgium and another in South Africa, but they display gems only. This one, located in the Diamond Exchange skyscraper on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, has many other attractions as well. They include a large scale model of the Premier Mine in South Africa, where some of the world's largest diamonds have been uncovered, as well as a variety of polishing machines, from early models to the latest equipment based on the use of lasers.

Of special interest is the cleaving blade and mallet used to cut the "Cullinan," the world's largest diamond, now to be found in the Tower of London together with the other Crown Jewels.

This $2-million Oppenheimer Museum, paid for by levies on the diamond sales of Israeli firms, is a public relations gesture intended to improve the image of an industry which, for security reasons, can't give visitors guided tours of its workshops and wholesale marketing centres.

Schnitzer and his colleagues also hope that some of the youngsters who visit the museum will decide to work in the field, one that educated young Israelis tend to regard as rather old-fashioned in this high-tech era.

The U.S., to which 50% of the diamonds polished in Israel are sold, also purchases many other Israeli products, but some nations buy little except diamonds from this country. Japan is a case in point. Diamonds account for $170-million of the $200 million worth of Israeli sales to the land of the Rising Sun. That is why the Buyers' Guide of the local diamond industry features two languages, English and Japanese.

Perhaps Chinese will be added soon, for Israel sold over $200 million in stones to Hong Kong and Singapore.

In one area, however, Hebrew remains supreme. Reflecting the fact that the Jews once dominated the diamond industry, every diamond deal, whenever concluded, is sealed with a handshake and the words "mazal u'bracha," meaning "luck and blessing."

Without doubt, diamonds have brought "mazal u'bracha" to the Israeli economy.

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Menashy, Abraham on June 24, 1986, late of 88 Neptune Dr., #6.

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Freedman, Jack on 6/10/86, late of 26 Gossamer Ave., Willowdale.

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Magder, Beatrice on 6/10/86, late of 3174 Bathurst St., #511, Tor. M6A 3A7.

Shane, Francine on 6/10/86, late of 33 Orchard View Blvd., #1722.

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Meshberg, Russell on 5/19/86, late of 310 Fourth Ave. N.E., #206, Calgary.

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Gerenraich, Etta on 6/14/86, late of 3560 Bathurst St., Toronto.

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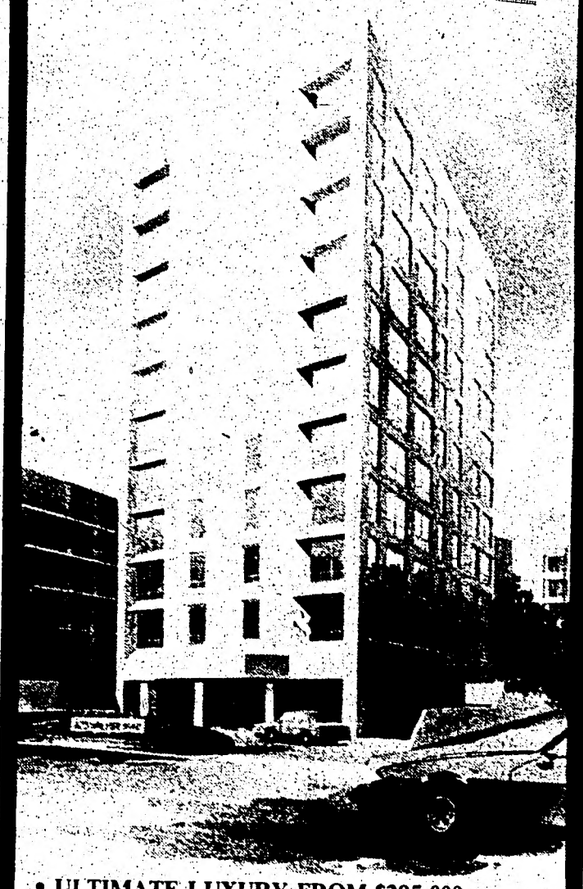

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Winnipeg rabbi honored for 25 years of service

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The Bnay Abraham Synagogue's recent 21st annual dinner honored Rabbi Peretz Weizman for his 25 years of service to the community and to the shul as its rabbi.

Rabbi Weizman is Winnipeg's senior rabbi. He was born in Lodz, Poland in 1920, and before the war, he was a follower of the Gerer Rebbe. He came to Winnipeg in 1947, the only survivor of a family of 25.

In Winnipeg, Weizman has made his mark in two major areas of Jewish life. As a survivor, it is fitting that he and his shul have begun the focal point of Yom Hashoa services in Winnipeg.

Under his impetus, one wall of the Bnay Abraham's main sanctuary has become a permanent memorial to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. Six lamps burn perpetually, each highlighting the name of one of the death camps.

The original plan was to erect a memorial tablet in the shul cemetery but Weizman argued successfully for the ever visible present site. He believes the dead must live forever in the memories of the living.

Each year during Holocaust Awareness Week, the street outside the Bnay Abraham shul is renamed the "Avenue of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes" and, inside, Rabbi Weizman leads the city-wide memorial services.

As the rabbi serves the past, he also serves the present. For over 25 years, in tandem or alone, Weizman has been Winnipeg's mashgiach, supervising the butchers and bakers, caterers, shochetim and slaughterhouses. His technical skill and knowledge are unquestioned.

"As I told a doctor once, you may know how to kill an animal the easiest way, but our way is split second," Weizmann says. "When humanity was in darkness thousands of years ago and there was no concern for one's fellow man among most cultures, our rabbis had the compassion to find a way to kill an animal in the least painful way.

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Gerontologist suggests solutions

Elderly can cope with communication problems

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — There's no time when you're too old to learn something, and there are numerous ways in which the elderly can cope with communication problems, says Dr. Ellen Ryan, director of gerontological studies and a professor in the department of psychiatry at McMaster University.

A specialist in communication, she was the guest speaker at the recent Shalom Village annual general meeting and her topic was Language and Communication in Late Life: Problems and Coping Skills.

The hearing impaired, for instance, should not hesitate to try hearing aids, she told her audience of Shalom Village residents, board members and guests. While not perfect, hearing aids are useful and people are constantly experimenting with making them more sophisticated.

But sometimes hearing better can be as simple a matter as turning off radios or TV sets during conversation, moving out of the range of noisy appliances or other distractions or even moving furniture around to allow for better listening.

There's also a simple solution for forgetting things like appointments, failing to remember what you wanted to buy when you're in a store or what you wanted to tell someone: Keep a notebook, a calendar, make lists and write things down, said Ryan.

Paying attention is useful in remembering names or other information and watching the other person for non-verbal cues will indicate when the listener is getting bored or is unable to follow what you are saying.

Repeating yourself is common among the elderly but can occur at any age, said Ryan. Admit that you have the problem and ask people to let you know when you are repeating yourself, she advised.

Similarly, if you tend to be verbose, recognize it and watch the listener for signs that you are talking too much.

Problems that affect the elderly in particular are often lack of practice and of opportunity — as they get older, friends and relatives die and they become increasingly isolated. And those with a native language other than English may find a greater need to reminisce in their own language but there are fewer people to talk with as they get older.

Often there's a tendency among professionals — doctors, nurses, staff in institutions — to talk down to older persons, especially in forms of address. Older people accustomed to a more formal way of life find it offensive to be called by their first names by people they don't know and whom they have to address by their titles, said Ryan.

There are other problems due to disease or illness such as strokes or Alzheimer's disease which require more specialized care but for the more usual problems training in coping skills is available.

The Ys and various social agencies offer courses in speaking and listening effectively, on auditory and visual skills for the hearing impaired and assertiveness training, which is usefull for the elderly who have difficulties in refusing inappropriate requests, making complaints or stating their own needs. As well family, friends and social groups can assist with communication tasks.

Israel must mix technology with humanity—Saguy

BURLINGTON, Ont. — Technology is the future of Israel and will make the country self-sufficient but it must also have humanity and remain faithful to the traditions of the Jewish people, Consul-General Gideon Saguy told the annual Hamilton's Women's ORT Scholarship luncheon here recently.

Agenda stays same

The agenda for the State of Israel and the Jewish people has not changed very much in the last 38 years, said Saguy, who was filling in for his wife Meri who was to have been the guest speaker. He spoke of a 3-dimensional picture composed of the same three Ds: defence, democracy and development.

Defence is still the heaviest burden for the people of Israel "and doing what you are doing through ORT," Saguy told the women, "eases the burden that no one but the people of Israel can bear by providing some Israeli youngsters with opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have."

The second D is democracy — "a word so easily bandied about. In Israel," he continued, "we perhaps enjoy democracy in excess," and commenting briefly on "recent excesses" by the Orthodox community on the one hand and the secular community on the other.

"We live in a modern age but we must also live with our traditions," he went on. There must be a bridge between tradition and the modern because without tradition, said Saguy, there is no future for the Jewish people."

Development is the third D and the most important thing we can do for our children in Israel, is to give them the technical skills that will bring them into the 21st century.

Saguy was introduced and thanked by past president Batia Phillips. Outgoing Hamilton Women's ORT president Marilyn Somers acted as luncheon chairperson and new president Ilana Pekar was installed by national president Harriet Morton.

Others taking part in the program included past presidents Ruth Kaminer and Kay Cohen and among out-of-town guests were past national president Ruth Druxerman; national vice-president Bertha Dermer; national treasurer and chairman of council, Anne Houpt and Toronto board member Celise Gropper.

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